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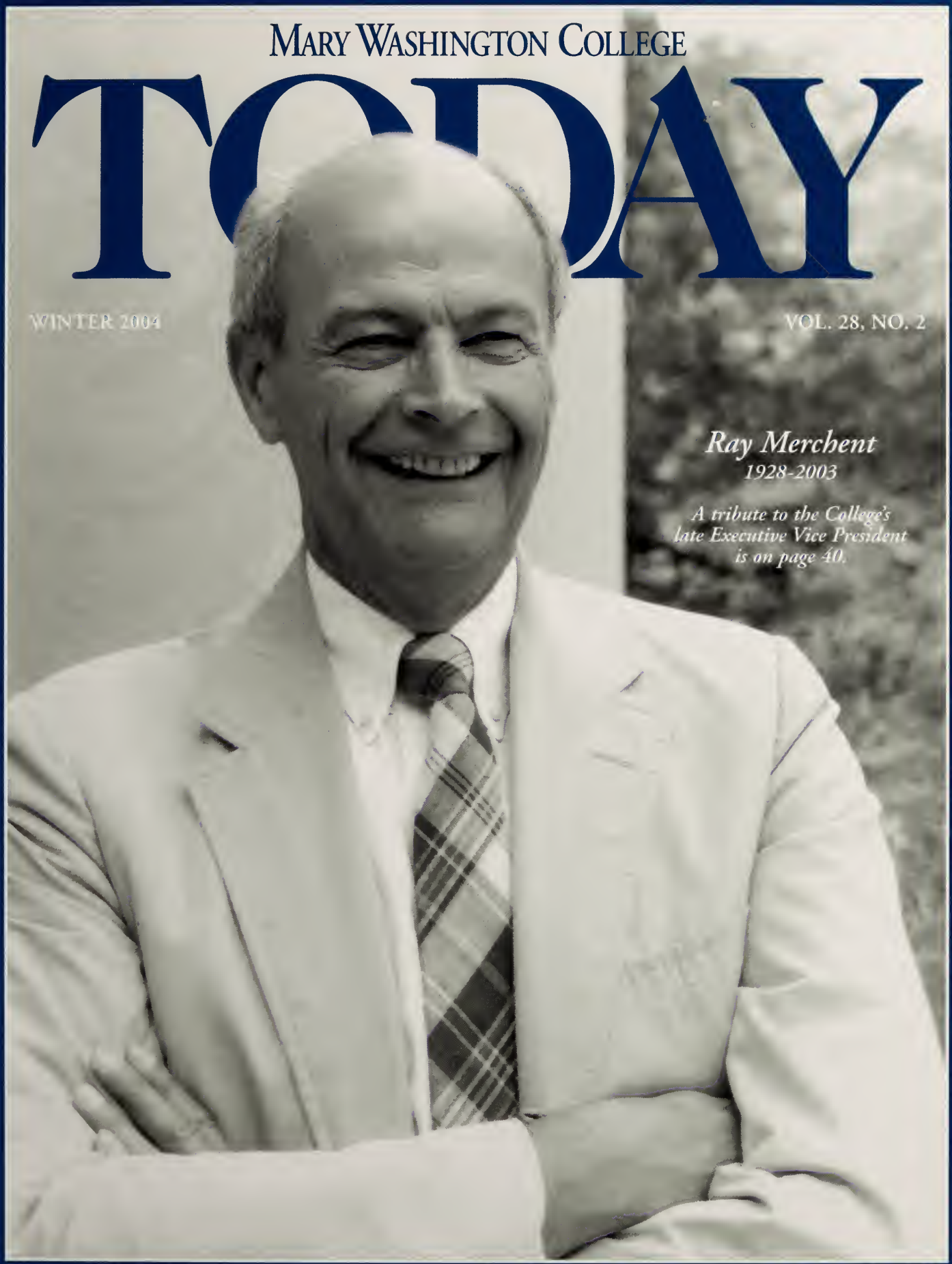

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 2004

Dear Alumni and Friends:

It is with great enthusiasm that I share with you the recommendation of the Board of Visitors for University of Mary Washington as the institution's name. For years we have conducted research, surveys and focus groups among alumni, faculty, students, prospective students, and the regional community to determine the value of university status and the appropriate name to connect the Fredericksburg and Stafford campuses.

As you will read elsewhere in this magazine, the benefits of university status are many, as it will attract increasingly qualified students and add to the perceived value of both future and existing degrees. And in fact, MWC already is a university. Last year, the Carnegie Foundation, which classifies all institutions of higher education, reclassified Mary Washington College from a baccalaureate college of liberal arts to the master's university level. We are very proud that *U.S. News and World Report* then ranked MWC for the first time as #2 among all public, and #6 among all public and private, master's level, Southern universities.

The committees chaired by Alumni Association President Kathy Mehfoud worked long and hard to recommend a university name that will preserve the quality reputation of Mary Washington College as well as reflect our current university status, and ultimately made two recommendations for consideration. Based on the collective voices of alumni, faculty and current students, it was clear to the Board of Visitors that it is preferable to include "Mary Washington" in the new university name.

I hope that you will join me and enthusiastically endorse the Board's recommendation for University of Mary Washington, as have the MWC Alumni Association Board, the MWC Foundation Board, and the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce. The name is distinctive and prestigious, and poises the institution for an exceptionally bright future in the 21st century, as we become the best medium-size public university in America.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

William M. Anderson, Jr.
President

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VIRGINIA'S NEXT GREAT UNIVERSITY

University of Mary Washington

Last November, the Board of Visitors recommended the name "University of Mary Washington" to unite the institution's two campuses — Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg and the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies (JMC) in nearby Stafford County. The name will not become official until the Virginia General Assembly approves the recommendation and the governor signs the legislation.

BY TERESA JOERGER MANNIX '01

Proponents of the "University of Mary Washington" name say that it honors the institution's rich heritage, reflects on the reality of the current institution, and launches a future that will continue the College's tradition of excellence while being more competitive with peer institutions.

The "Mary Washington College" name has a reputation built on tradition and quality. The primary goal of university status is to ensure that this heritage thrives as the institution moves forward and increases its prestige in the 21st century.

Reflecting the wishes of alumni, faculty and students, the university name preserves the "Mary Washington" name by including it in the title, while also ensuring that the college and university names are not used interchangeably. Such a blurring could diminish the uniqueness of MWC. In addition, the juxtaposition of words boldly draws attention to Mary Washington — both the woman and the institution — and mirrors the syntax of other similarly prestigious institutions, such as the College of William and Mary and the University of Notre Dame.

University status has been prompted in large part by the rapid growth of the JMC programs, a reflection of the dramatic population increase in the Fredericksburg region over the past several years. JMC opened in 1999 and currently offers an MBA and M.Ed., as well as a bachelor of professional studies degree and several certificate and continuing education programs.

Now in its fifth year, JMC has more than 800 students enrolled in degree programs, in addition to more than 1,000 who participate in non-credit courses. Enrollment projections indicate that in the next 10 years, the number of students enrolled at JMC will be equal to that of MWC, where enrollment is capped at 4,000 students.

As a result of the increase in graduate degrees awarded, MWC was reclassified in 2003 as a university by the Carnegie Foundation, which nationally certifies the classification of all institutions of higher learning. This change already has been recognized by several professional institutions and publications, including *U.S. News and World Report*, which recently listed MWC sixth among Southern institutions in the "Best Universities — Master's" category.

In addition, the institution's recently completed decennial self-study for re-accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) focused on the transition to university status and confirmed that Mary Washington is on the right course. The SACS committee recommended that the College's board move forward "expeditiously" to seek approval from the General Assembly for a university name.

Research has shown that the transition to university status will provide numerous benefits to the institution. In a survey of 3,000 high-school students with high SAT scores from the College's primary recruiting states, respondents overwhelmingly associated the term "university" with favorable attributes.

Other benefits of university status include more competitive faculty recruitment, an increase in research grants and funding, an enhanced perception of the quality of a "Mary Washington College" degree by employers and graduate schools, and enhanced prestige and distinctiveness.

For more information about the transition to university status and an update on pending action by the Virginia General Assembly, go to http://www.mwc.edu/university, send an e-mail to university@mwc.edu, or call the Office of College Relations at (540) 654-1055.

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Board of Visitors Recommends University Name to Virginia General Assembly

Remarks of President William M. Anderson Jr. and Rector Dori G. Eglevsky to the Board of Visitors on Nov. 22, 2003

Dori G. Eglevsky

William M. Anderson Jr.

RECTOR EGLEVSKY:

"We have a tremendous task and responsibility before us to make a decision regarding the name for our university. And as heavy as this task is, we are also at a very exciting time for this institution. It has a future full of great potential, continuing to build on the strength and quality that have become associated with Mary Washington College and the James Monroe Center. As we move forward, naming the university is one of the most important decisions the board will make in determining the future of this institution. It is an issue that matters to a lot of people. It's also an issue that carries a lot of emotion and a tremendous amount of passion. And I know that none of us on this Board of Visitors takes that lightly."

DR. ANDERSON:

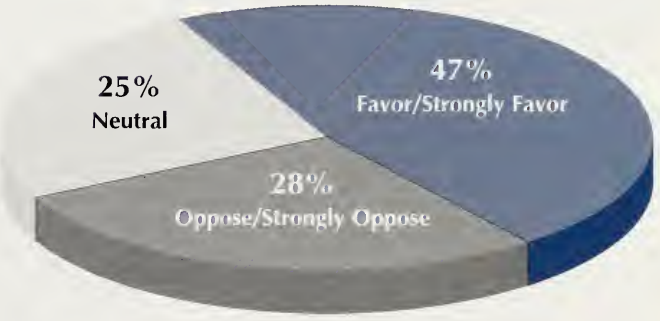
"I would like to echo the importance of the decision that this board will make today. It is one of the most important decisions that will be made for this institution.

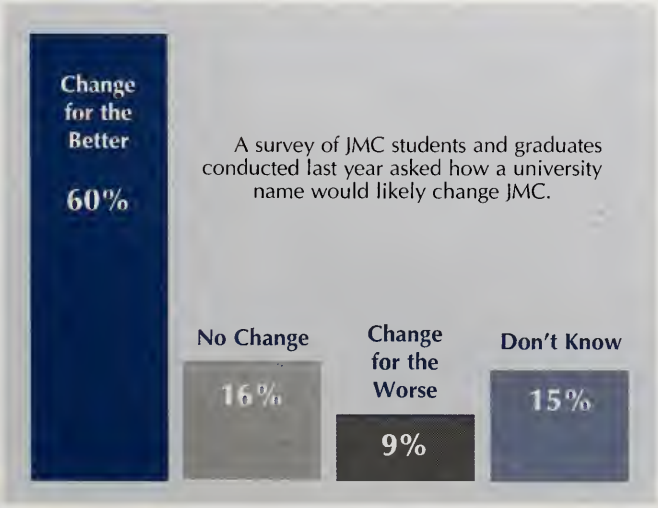
"We come to this time in history with a very, very strong heritage to build upon. We must take advantage of that. We also find ourselves with the new operations of the James Monroe Center, which has grown and matured faster than we ever thought possible in a quality sense, and established an incredibly wonderful reputation. Likewise, on this campus, we have moved forward as well. Everybody knows all the fabulous rankings we have, and we're very proud of that.

"So we come to this point with a very proud heritage, and a strength that gives us the confidence to move into the future, reassured that we're going to build and be known as the very best medium-size public university in America. This is our time in history. We can do something nobody ever dreamed possible. And we can do it, in a really first-rate way, consistent with our past. We can move forward to fully embrace university status, everyone marching together, realizing the quality level that is at hand here. I am absolutely confident in that.

"I am also confident that we can make a decision today that is not a 'zero-sum' decision. In my opinion, we can make a 'win-win' decision that carries our heritage with us, that embraces the future, that recognizes what this institution stands for already, as well as a realization of what it can be tomorrow. My recommendation to you is that we move forward with the name 'University of Mary Washington.' That's what will bring us together. Let us go forward as one, and put these two magnificent colleges together as a solid university."

In a survey conducted last year, 2,000 MWC alumni were asked to indicate their level of support for the adoption of an overarching university name for the institution.





A survey of JMC students and graduates conducted last year asked how a university name would likely change JMC.

After the Board voted without dissent to approve the "University of Mary Washington" name, Rector Eglevsky said:

"I congratulate the board on its hard work to come together on what I mentioned earlier was obviously many diverse perspectives, with lots of emotion and passion. And I'm going to comment myself on the decision that's been made. Most of you who have read the newspaper have seen that my vote at the committee meeting was for 'University of Mary Washington.' I really am delighted because I think it does reflect our heritage, and I think we have built a brand of quality on that name, and I am excited about keeping that name. JMC has built quality on its name, as well, but also on its association with Mary Washington. So I think the potential for both of these entities is tremendous under this recommendation. I would just ask at this point that we go forward together, and be united in support of what we're doing, because I think that's really critical for this institution. And I do see evidence, in so many different ways, of how much love there is for the name Mary Washington. So with that, I say congratulations on a tough decision, and let's look forward to all the wonderful potential that goes with that decision."

The Alumni Executive Center under construction

Changing Landscape

BY MARY RANDOLPH NICHOLS CORBIN '71 AND RICHARD V. HURLEY

A stroll down Campus Walk reveals little change at Mary Washington College, but along the periphery of the Fredericksburg campus, new bricks and columns are enhancing student life. All of the additions are designed to complement the traditional architectural style begun in 1908 and continued since then throughout the campus.

On William Street, directly across from the campus, an apartment complex was acquired by the College's real estate foundation in 2000. Last summer, the six buildings were painted and wired for telecommunications, a fire-alarm system was installed, an in-ground pool was removed, furniture was purchased and placed in each unit, and exterior balconies were strengthened. Last fall, 350 very happy upperclassmen moved into The MWC Apartments, and from all reports are taking very seriously the responsibilities that accompany the privilege of apartment-style living. It is important to note that these are not new students expanding the undergraduate enrollment; rather, they are largely students who were previously living off campus in the community and have now elected to return to residential status. We are delighted to have them back in the fold!

Providing handsome definition to the north end of Campus Walk, a two-story Fitness Center has been added to Goolrick Hall. Built in 1969, Goolrick's facilities can no longer accommodate the fitness-conscious student body and requisite state-of-the-art exercise equipment. While the physical education department continues to utilize Goolrick for classes and training, the new wing provides students, faculty and staff with weight machines, free weights, treadmills, rowers, stair-steppers, and stationary bicycles — along with televisions suspended from the ceiling. The Fitness Center will also provide a wellness center, a variety of exercise classes, and even laptop connections for those inclined to work their minds along with their bodies. Another addition to Goolrick is in the conceptual planning stage for a convocation center, with an arena suitable for hosting national and regional basketball tournaments. The center will also be able to serve as

Heather McDonald '04 often prepares dinner for her roommates in The MWC Apartments.

The MWC Apartments house 350 students.

The Board of Visitors gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Fitness Center in November 2003, then toured the soon-to-be-completed interior.

The new Fitness Center is at the north end of Campus Walk.

an indoor venue for convocation and other large gatherings.

Groundbreaking is anticipated this spring for a six-court, indoor tennis center on the Battleground Complex at the end of College Avenue. This air-conditioned facility will include a spectator mezzanine overlooking all six courts, locker and shower facilities for participants, and a pro shop. Augmenting the outdoor courts, the center will be capable of hosting regional and national tennis tournaments year-round, beginning in the spring of 2005. Memberships for use of the indoor courts will be available to community residents.

Alumni can look forward to the opening of the Alumni Executive Center on Trench Hill this summer. Featuring a three-bedroom guest house, 200-seat ballroom, executive boardroom, and offices for the development and alumni relations staff, this outstanding facility will provide a permanent home for alumni and outreach to the surrounding community. The building expands upon and complements the traditional architectural style found throughout the College campus as well as the residential scale and character of the immediate neighborhood. It also acknowledges the historic significance of Brompton and the Brompton oak tree directly across the street.

Other projects planned for the near future on the Fredericksburg campus include a parking deck, an architectural feature for George Washington Circle at the south end of Campus Walk, a fountain near Simpson Library, and significant repairs to the kitchen in Seacobeck Hall.

As a result of the successful State bond referendum last fall, additional renovations of existing buildings are planned, beginning with the renovation of Lee Hall, which will include an addition across the back of the building. This project will be followed by a complete renovation of Monroe Hall, and improvements to Klein Theatre and Dodd Auditorium to upgrade lighting, sound systems, rigging and stage curtains. Cosmetic improvements are also slated for Chandler and duPont Halls that will include new carpeting, paint, lighting, and overhead computer projectors in the classrooms.

Beyond the Mary Washington College campus boundaries, a second building is being designed for construction at the James Monroe Center campus, with the opening scheduled for fall 2006. This spring, a groundbreaking is planned for an expansion of the Studio at Belmont, the Gari Melchers Estate and Memorial Gallery. Altogether, by the year 2010, $81 million of improvements are projected for Mary Washington College facilities.

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Debate at Mary Washington College

BY TIMOTHY M. O'DONNELL

Many colleges and universities have debate programs that boast long traditions dating back more than 100 years. Programs like those of Northwestern, Wake Forest, and the University of Iowa locate their roots in the late-19th-century literary societies that were once popular social and intellectual hubs on America's college campuses. Because our history is so much a part of not only who we are but also who we will become, one of the first things I wanted to learn about when I was given the opportunity in 1999 to direct the debate program at Mary Washington was the history of debate at the College.

Although debating activities were clearly in evidence with the emergence of the first student clubs and organizations shortly after the College opened in 1908, organized debate at Mary Washington has not been a continuous enterprise. Instead, its development has been slow and gradual but punctuated by periods of intense activity. Two ingredients seem to stand behind the episodes of rapid growth: dedicated leadership and a thirst for excellence.

According to Dean Edward Alvey Jr.'s *History of Mary Washington College 1908-1972*, literary societies were among the first organizations established when the College opened. While the study of literature was an important organizing concept for many of these societies, forensic exhibitions of debate and public oratory were among their primary draws. These organizations were integral to the early life of the College and were enormously popular with the students. Though they didn't sponsor weekend trips to compete against other schools, they were, in a sense, the College's first debate teams.

Literary societies had largely disappeared by the end of the 1920s, but interest in debate clearly had not. Spearheaded by two of the College's dedicated faculty members, Dr. George E. Shankle, chair of the English department, and Professor Oscar H. Darter, head of the history department, the first formal debate organization — "Debating Club" as it was then called — was officially established in the early 1930s. According to 1933's *Battlefield* yearbook, the organization's "ultimate goal" was "to prepare students to participate in intercollegiate debates." By 1939, it seems that intercollegiate debating was a regular part of campus life. For example, one *Bullet* article from the period reports that Mary Washington students were regularly engaged in debates with students from Randolph-Macon, Bridgewater College, and Radford State Teachers College, among others.

World War II had dramatic effects on intercollegiate debate as campuses across the nation were mobilized for the war effort, and debating activities were consequently curtailed. By 1946, with the war over, Mary Washington students were back at it, but this time with a new name and a new urgency. With the arrival of history professor Dr. Warren E. Keith to the faculty in 1945, the Forensic Club was born, and Mary Washington students were once again participating in intercollegiate tournaments. In addition, beginning in April 1946, under Keith's leadership, the Strawberry Leaf Society, a wing of the Forensic Club, began hosting the Grand National Forensic Tournament as well as the Dixie Novice Tournament.

Drs. Shankle and Darter, standing, with the 1933 Debating Club

A Long History of Dedication and Excellence

With the establishment of the Grand National, Fredericksburg became an April destination for many of the country's best intercollegiate debaters. By 1958 the tournament had grown to be one of the largest events of its kind in the nation, with more than 60 different schools from as far away as the West Coast participating each year on the Easter weekend. It does appear, however, that at the very time when Mary Washington was building a reputation as one of the nation's premier tournament hosts, student participation in tournament debating was in decline due to a lack of available coaching resources. As 1949's *Battlefield* reports, "The Forensic Club at Mary Washington was unable to have a debating team this year due to a lack of supervisory instruction." According to Alvey's account, by now Dr. Keith was "carrying a heavy schedule of work" as both a history professor and admissions director. With Dr. Keith's untimely death in 1958, the Grand National was suspended, and debating activities ceased.

Although debate at the College languished in the years immediately following Dr. Keith's death, it soon returned, ignited by the interest of a group of students led by Penny Penella and the steady hand of political science professor Lewis P. Fickett Jr. In the mid-1960s, under Dr. Fickett's direction, the College started participating in a series of tournaments associated with the National Debate Tournament (NDT), in which a single proposition is debated for an entire year by one or more two-person teams from a school. Established in 1947, the NDT was an organization created for the purpose of holding a national championship tournament for varsity debaters. Today it is recognized as the most prestigious debate tournament in the country. Although Mary Washington debaters participated in a few varsity-level tournaments during Fickett's tenure, a majority of teams competed at the novice level. Nonetheless, Mary Washington's novice teams racked up numerous awards at the state and regional tournaments they attended, including a number of trophies during the 1970-1971 season, which Fickett called the team's "most successful season in five years." Despite considerable growth under Fickett's leadership — which he undertook in a volunteer capacity — the team could not sustain itself once he relinquished the reins, and it wasn't until 1985

that debate was reactivated.

In early February of that year, the English, linguistics, and speech department sought administrative backing for a new speech program linked with the establishment of an intercollegiate debate program. As the 1985 chair of the department, Carl Lutterbie, reported to his colleagues shortly after a meeting with President Anderson, "The president and the dean heartily endorse our suggestion of a debate program." By the following fall, the College hired David Hair to direct the new debate program, and soon thereafter MWC students were competing in regional NDT tournaments on the topic: "Resolved: That more rigorous academic standards should be established for all elementary and/or secondary public schools in the United States, in one or more of the following areas: language arts, mathematics, and natural sciences." Hair oversaw the rebirth of the program through its first three years of growth, but by September 1988 he was in the process of moving to an administrative post, and the department began a new search for the program's next director.

In many ways, Dr. John T. Morello was the perfect choice to lead the young program through the 1990s. In addition to his enormous passion for debate, born while he was himself an undergraduate debater at William and Mary, Morello brought with him years of experience and an impressive track record as a coach. As the long-standing director of debate at James Madison University, he oversaw that program's rise to national prominence in the late 1970s and early 1980s. It is no surprise, then, that he pulled off a similar feat at Mary Washington. During Morello's years at the helm, the debate program was regularly ranked among the top 20 programs in the country, while its varsity teams reached the NDT six times. In 1994, two students, Patrick McMullen and Jason Gordon, finished ninth at the NDT — the College's best showing to date. By the time Morello became the College's assistant vice president for academic affairs, in 1998, he had built a program that would, for the first time, maintain continuity after his departure.

Over the last four years, the debate program achieved nationwide recognition, thanks to the enormous dedication and talent of a new group of students who have helped build the foundation for a bright future. Today we have nearly 30 students who are involved in either competitive NDT-style policy debate or on-campus public debates. Our policy debaters have claimed three consecutive American Debate Association national titles at the novice and junior varsity levels, and in the past year they have made considerable progress toward our goal of returning to the NDT. Meanwhile, our public debaters regularly put together a series of debates for campus audiences concerned with the important issues of the day.

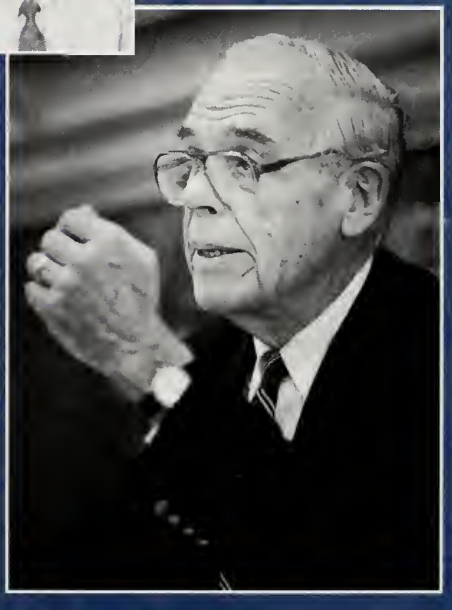
As the College community reflects on its first 100 years while planning for its next 100 years, I have no doubt that debate will continue to grow with it. Debate at Mary Washington does indeed have a long and storied history whose development has paralleled the College's own rise as one of the nation's premier institutions of higher learning.

Timothy M. O'Donnell is director of debate and assistant professor of speech at MWC.

Top photo: Members of the 1968 Debate Club, President Eleanor Woollard, standing, Martha Christian, middle, and Susan Stumpf

Middle photo: 1994 debate team coaches Hunter Clark, back left, and John Morello, back right; students Patrick McMullen, front left, and Jason Gordon, front right.

Bottom photo: Professor Lewis P. Fickett Jr.



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Have you ever participated in debating activities at MWC? If so, we want to hear from you so that we may continue to build the history of debate at the College. Call, write, or send an e-mail to Tim O'Donnell to let us know who you are and when you debated: (540) 654-1252, todonnel@mwc.edu, or Tim O'Donnell c/o English, Linguistics, and Speech Department, 1301 College Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401-5358. Also check our Web site at www.mwc.edu/debate.

MICHAEL BESCHLOSS

FREDERICKSBURG ★ FORUM ★ PRESENTS

BY STEPHEN J. FARNSWORTH

For award-winning U.S. historian Michael Beschloss, an interest in presidential politics came in 1960, when his parents took the 4-year-old to a Richard Nixon campaign rally outside Chicago. When Beschloss had the opportunity to meet the former president decades later, Nixon listened to the story in stony silence. Later the historian was told that Nixon never wanted to talk about his 1960 defeat, and that he was particularly irked that Beschloss had brought up Cook County, Ill., where Nixon felt the Chicago Democratic machine had stolen the election for John F. Kennedy. "I was not invited back," Beschloss said in an interview moments before he addressed a packed Fredericksburg Forum audience at Dodd Auditorium in mid-October 2003.

Learning about human qualities of presidents is vital to understanding them, said Beschloss, a best-selling author who frequently appears on public television's "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" and on ABC News. As he poured over Lyndon Johnson's White House tapes for a planned three-part series on the former president, he discovered how completely that deeply insecure chief executive depended on his wife, nicknamed Lady Bird.

"She was his in-house psychiatrist," said Beschloss, who has produced two best-selling books on material drawn from the LBJ tapes: *Taking Charge* and *Reaching for Glory*. "She was the person who made it possible for him to function. I sometimes think they should put up a statue to her."

With the perspective of time, old tapes, old reports and old diaries can help put a presidential administration into perspective. "You really get a chance to get into a president's life, even more than if you were in the White House with them," he said.

As he took his audience from president to president spanning the past 60 years, Beschloss said events often seem very different 20 years later than they did at the time. Beschloss, whose most recent bestseller is *The Conquerors: Roosevelt, Truman and the Destruction of Hitler's Germany*, said that Harry Truman's presidency is a perfect example of the advantages afforded historians. Truman was generally reviled when he left office in January 1953, but he is now widely regarded as one of the best presidents of the last half-century, said the scholar, who has written books on most of the postwar presidents.

"When you look at things in retrospect they often seem different from the way they appeared at the time," he cautioned.

The question of whether World War II was a success, for example, was not answered in 1945, when the Allied armies conquered Europe, but rather became clear as a defeated Germany evolved into a peace-loving, democratic member of Europe. That decades-long development demonstrates the extraordinary foresight of FDR and Truman, both of whom rejected calls for a punishing peace that could have led to World War III.

Beschloss, a graduate of Andover, Williams College and Harvard University, told the rapt audience that his next project was a study of Abraham Lincoln, a topic of great interest to nearly every Illinois native. He has delayed this project for years. It was on a Beschloss family trip to Lincoln's home in Springfield 40 years ago that the young historian-to-be — then in elementary school — found out that Lincoln did not spank his children and tended to let them run wild around the house. "At that point, Lincoln became the president for me," Beschloss said.

Stephen J. Farnsworth is associate professor of political science at Mary Washington College and co-author of The Nightly News Nightmare: Network Television's Coverage of U.S. Presidential Elections, 1988-2000, *recently published by Rowman & Littlefield.*

Michael Beschloss signed copies of his books for members of the MWC President's Book Club.

Women's Leadership Colloquium

BY CHRISTINE J. NEUBERGER

Belle S. Wheelan Frances D. Cook '67 Mary Sue Terry

Frances D. Cook '67 encountered discrimination as a pioneering woman career diplomat. But Cook dwells little on the obstacles she overcame during her trailblazing, 34-year career in the U.S. foreign service. Instead, during a speech at the James Monroe Center, she talked about how women diplomats can make a difference — and how their work ethic and gender help them succeed.

"I'm not sure that I've lived my life as a feminist or as a hard worker or both," Cook said during her keynote speech at the 10th annual Leadership Colloquium for Professional Women. "I was able to do a better job in certain places because I was female. Only I could go visit an Afghan refugee camp filled with women and children. It was a huge help."

Her inspiring remarks were among the highlights of a Nov. 6, 2003 colloquium that included a panel discussion featuring former Virginia Attorney General Mary Sue Terry and Virginia Secretary of Education Belle S. Wheelan. About 135 women attended the colloquium.

Cook, in a talk titled "Why Women Make Good Leaders," said women are perceived as being more concerned about peace. Female ambassadors are "viewed as more caring, more approachable and more believable," she said. "Women do have an impact."

She certainly has had an impact, becoming the youngest career diplomat to be made a U.S. ambassador when she was named to Burundi in 1980, and was the first female U.S. head of post in the Middle East when she became consul general in Alexandria, Egypt, in 1983. Cook was the first woman from any country to serve as an ambassador in the Arabian Gulf when she was named U.S. ambassador to Oman. "You just work harder than anybody else. The huge capacity for work that women have helps them get ahead. You have to know more about a country than anyone else," explained Cook, who first dreamed of becoming an ambassador as a sixth-grader, unaware that only men were then named ambassadors.

Ambassador Cook, now an international business consultant, hailed the way in which women run private organizations: They seek more input and show a more collaborative leadership style. Among women executives, she added, charitable giving is high, and women-owned businesses are more likely to offer flextime, tuition reimbursement and profit-sharing. "Women's advances have had a wonderful impact," she said. "With more women in the work force, people are more concerned about intangibles."

During the panel discussion, Mary Sue Terry and Belle S. Wheelan joined two prominent Virginia businesswomen to field questions on the topic, "Looking Back, Moving Forward: Lessons Learned." Vice President for Graduate and Professional Studies and Dean of the JMC Faculty Meta R. Braymer led the question-and-answer session.

Any tips for being a good leader? "Take risks," said Wheelan, former president of Northern Virginia Community College and the single mother of a college-age son. "Brag on yourself." Wheelan also advised her listeners to pursue the academic degrees that they want, build support systems of family, friends and church, and laugh a lot. Indeed, Wheelan drew chuckles when she added, "I adopted the policy of giving ulcers and not getting them."

Where are you headed? Following what Mary Sue Terry called her "humiliating and devastating loss" in the 1993 gubernatorial contest, she said "I felt like my life was over."

Where do I go from here? During the ensuing decade, Terry went places. She taught leadership at the University of Richmond. She has served for 10 years as a consultant to Microsoft Corporation. She also purchased and now runs her family's Patrick County farm, tending cattle and raising hay. As Terry put it, "The older I get, every year I feel like my life is just beginning."

Janet A. Alpert, president of LandAmerica Financial Group Inc., one of the nation's top title insurance companies, advised the audience to make the most of their strengths. "Women are great with teams. We're consensus-builders," Alpert said. "Women need to get on corporate boards and bring our morality and ethics."

"Know what you love," said Jana W. Yeates, founder and CEO of Employment Enterprises Inc. and a former *Inc.* magazine Entrepreneur of the Year. "I'm in my 60s and still work 10- and 12-hour days. To be successful, you need to be in something you love to do."

The Patricia Lacey Metzger Distinguished Achievement Award was presented to Gail W. Johnson, a pediatric nurse and president of the Rainbow Station Inc. in Richmond. Johnson, chairman of the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce, founded Rainbow Station in 1989 to provide preschool and child-care services to children, including those with health challenges.

The daylong colloquium also included leadership seminars on such topics as "Managing Conflict" and "Habits of Effective Personal Leadership." The program was sponsored by MWC, the Virginia Foundation for Women, and the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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Shirley Strange-Allen

BY CHRISTINE J. NEUBERGER

Some people regret what they didn't do. They wish they had done more, seen more, felt more — lived with more gusto.

Shirley Strange-Allen won't be among them.

Strange-Allen lived in two dozen foreign countries as a child of missionaries and later in the Peace Corps. She raised three children while working graveyard shifts as a registered nurse.

Now 54, Strange-Allen teaches Stafford County sixth-graders. Evenings, she pursues a master of education degree at the James Monroe Center. On weekends, she crisscrosses the country taking her show horses to competitions.

"I can't stand to sit still. I have to do something," she explains. "I hate being told I can't do something. If my kids say 'You're too old to do that,' I have to do it."

As one of seven children of Baptist missionaries, Strange-Allen grew up in remote villages in the Far East, Middle East, Africa and South America. "My parents and family were the scouts. If we survived, other missionaries would come and we'd move on," she recalls.

She faced a few childhood tests. With red hair, green eyes and large freckles, she was often reminded that she was a minority. In India, she remembers being pelted with mud and stones: "Parents acted like we had a disease. But it made me a much stronger, independent person."

In an isolated area of China, Strange-Allen and her brothers attended classes at a Buddhist monastery, where students were forbidden to speak until day's end. The punishment for violators: kneeling in a corner on uncooked rice. "I spent a lot of time in the corner on rice. It was supposed to make you reflective — and to stop you from talking. It didn't stop me," she says. "To this day, I do not eat rice."

Back in her family's native Texas, she attended high school, earned a nursing degree, then left the country again, joining the Peace Corps "on a whim."

Assigned to drought-stricken Ethiopia in 1974, she and her tent-mate were roused in the middle of the night to find bayonet-equipped rifles at their throats. The country's ruling faction, mistakenly convinced the Peace Corps workers supported opposition guerrillas, put the Americans on a crop-duster-style plane. The pilot was ordered to take the Peace Corps workers out of the country, forcing them to abandon personal belongings.

"I didn't even know if I'd make it out okay," Strange-Allen remarks. "But I was lucky. It was one of those times when my mouth didn't get me into trouble." She and others were flown to Egypt, where she got the unexpected chance to tour the great pyramids during the week before she headed to her next assignment — Central America.

During her six-year stint in the corps, she treated the sick, educated young mothers and children about safe health practices, distributed vaccinations and taught English.

Following her return to Texas in 1976, she married and started raising her children while working as an emergency room nurse. But years later, the graveyard shifts spurred her to prepare for a career change, working toward a bachelor's degree in education and a teaching license.

She landed a job teaching her favorite subject — history — to middle-school students in rural east Texas in 1991. She was soon assigned the extra job of coordinating the district's gifted and talented education. For a gifted program she designed for her school, she was named Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex Teacher of the Year by the Ken-

In 1974, Strange-Allen was a Peace Corps worker assigned to Ethiopia, giving vaccinations and treating the sick during a smallpox epidemic. In the top photo, a young girl led her grandmother, who was suffering from malnutrition and dementia, into a Peace Corps camp in Dessie Wello. The little girl was "her keeper." In the second photo is a small, weak, smallpox-stricken girl, 3, whom Strange-Allen and other workers encountered in the Bati area of Ethiopia. Strange-Allen and others helped treat the girl and her siblings for smallpox, from which they all recovered.

nedy Foundation for the Performing Arts in 1992.

By 2002, she decided to move away from Texas — again. She was recently widowed when she and her youngest child separately decided to accept teaching jobs in Stafford. Whether teaching in Virginia or Texas, she draws on her overseas experiences to help her students better understand different cultures.

"It's just not enough to put up a Martin Luther King poster in February and say you've got a multicultural program. We need to take different cultures into account and bring more attention to multicultural issues," said Strange-Allen, who teaches American history, language arts and reading at Rodney E. Thompson Middle School.

"In Stafford, I've stepped into a multicultural melting pot like no other that I've ever taught or lived in. I have kids from Guam, Sri Lanka, all different abilities, income levels, every ethnic group and most of the world's religions and cultures."

To gain more tools and strategies to help every type of student succeed, she's pursuing an M.Ed. with an emphasis on teaching diverse student populations.

Studies and career don't keep her from a longtime hobby, however. A lifelong horsewoman, she takes her palominos to horse shows in Colorado, Florida, New York and elsewhere on weekends. One of her mares took a top national title in 2000. Another mare won a world championship in 2002.

"I've always loved horses," said Strange-Allen, who as a third-grader saved her lunch money for a year to buy her first Shetland pony. On their Texas dairy farm, she and her late husband, Randall, built a horse-breeding operation with as many as 65 horses, including five stallions.

Photographs of horses are sprinkled among the mementoes in her school classroom. Hanging on the wall is a long-horned bull's skull. Strange-Allen found it at the 400-acre ranch that she recently bought on the Rio Grande, where she'll retire. Lynx paws and claws drape a file cabinet, courtesy of an uncle in Alaska. Nearby is her grandfather's rusted trap. Poised atop a storage cabinet are the cowboy boots worn by her eldest child when she won the East Texas Rodeo Queen competition. Near the window is the fantail of the first turkey that Strange-Allen ever bagged, at age 10.

More recently, she tested her marksmanship outside a Dallas-Ft. Worth airport car-rental shop. One fall afternoon in 1996, she became the victim of an attempted carjacking at gunpoint. She not only emerged unscathed, but managed to shoot her assailant in the ankle with his own gun.

Other close calls include a near-fatal skydiving accident in Louisiana in 1979. Rescuers searched for her for four hours before finding her and her parachute tangled in a tree, her shoulder impaled on a branch.

"I've lived a charmed life," Strange-Allen says. "I've had some times."

Indeed she has.

Shirley Strange-Allen with her palomino mare, Rosie, a three-time world champion in 2002, winning the open, the amateur, and the youth world championships.

200 WINS

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BY JESSICA L. GOON '04

Women's soccer coach Kurt Glaeser and field hockey coach Dana Hall both reached their 200th career win this season and earned a bid to their respective NCAA Division III Tournaments. On Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2003, Hall's team captured her 200th at York College with a 2-1 win, and on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2003, Glaeser's team topped St. Mary's College at home to provide him with his 200th career victory.

Hall's 200th win was also the team's 12th consecutive of the season, as the Eagles climbed as high as seventh in the nation. Hall's daughter, senior Chrissy Soper, scored the game-winning goal in the Eagles' 2-1 milestone victory. "I'm just glad the opportunity happened this season with the special group of nine seniors we have," Hall said.

During Hall's successful coaching career, she has been showered with many accolades, including being named the NCAA Division III Coach of the Year in 1993. She has also captured the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) "Coach of the Year" title three times in her 14 seasons at Mary Washington. "The next step is to make it to the Final Four and win a national championship," she said. Hall is also the head coach of the women's lacrosse team at Mary Washington, where her teams have advanced to the NCAA tournament in the past four seasons.

In his 15th season at Mary Washington, Glaeser is one of the most winning NCAA Division III women's soccer coaches in the country. He ranks in the national top 20 in both victories and winning percentage. Glaeser's 200th win was in the CAC quarterfinal game, and was the first step in the Eagles' eventual CAC championship title — the 10th CAC championship he has won. Glaeser has also gained many honors for his successful coaching career. He has been named the CAC Coach of the Year seven times, in addition to being named the NSCAA South Region and Mid-Atlantic Coach of the Year.

Glaeser is also the head coach of the men's lacrosse team at Mary Washington, for which he has been named the CAC Coach of the Year twice.

The field hockey and women's soccer teams both advanced to the NCAA tournament after their successful seasons. The women's soccer team earned an automatic bid with its CAC title, and won a pair of games to advance to the regional championship. The field hockey team received an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament, where it advanced to the regional semifinals.

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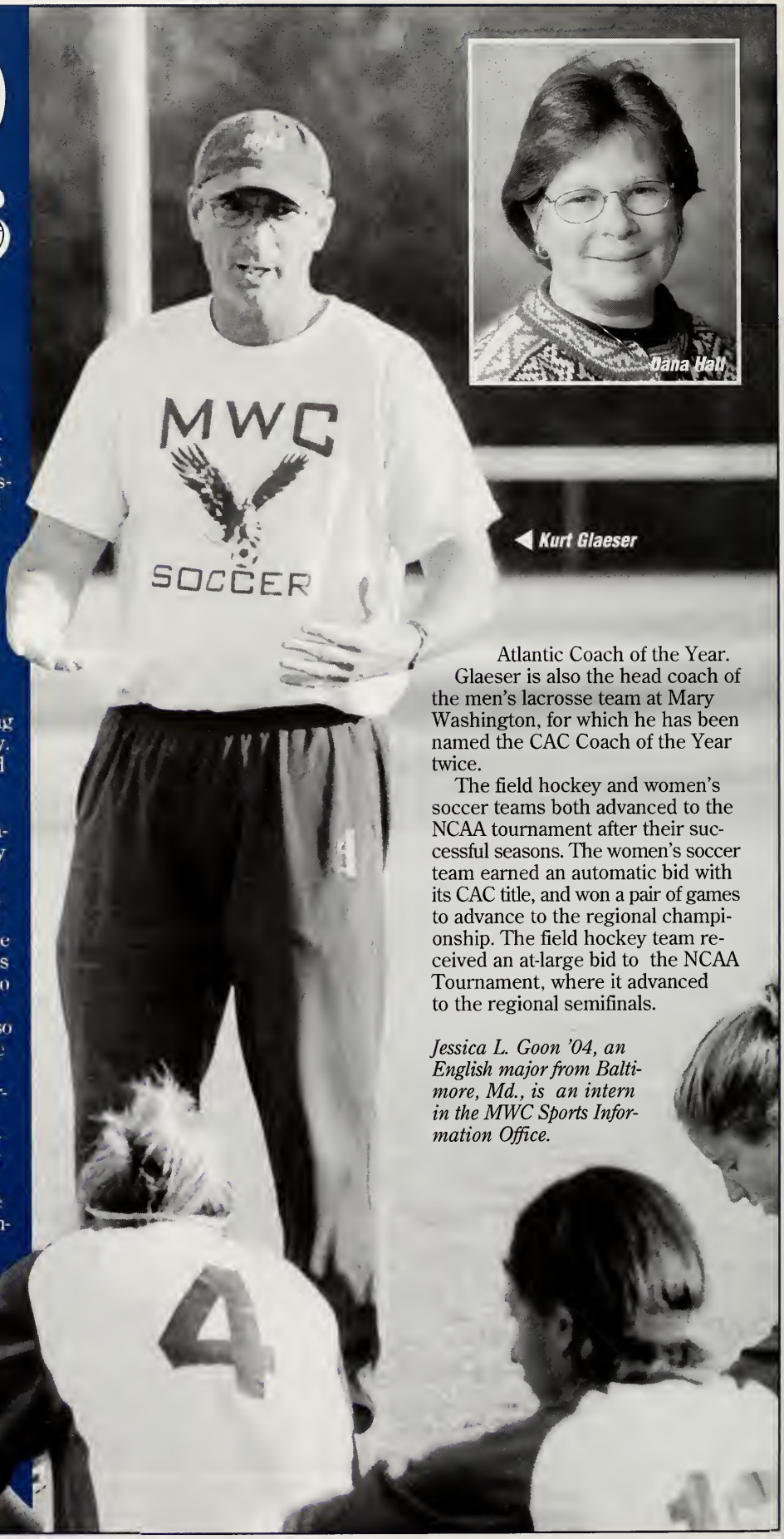
Dana Hall



◀ Kurt Glaeser

2003

BY KATHLEEN M. SHEA '98

Eagle spirit was already flying high as Homecoming approached. The celebration of Spirit Week prior to Homecoming had already set an enthusiastic tone, and alumni who returned to campus noticed the difference right away. The sound of spirit sticks thundered across the soccer field, MWC Ambassadors proudly wore blue and gray T-shirts proclaiming "Students Now, Alumni Forever," and the tales of Mr. MWC, the Homecoming parade, and the Jefferson Square bonfire made their way into the alumni tent at the Battleground. Spirit Week culminated in an unforgettable Homecoming celebration for Mary Washington College students, both past and present.

Homecoming day, Oct. 25, 2003, was clear and crisp. Autumn colors highlighted Hanover Street, College Avenue, and the campus itself. It was a particularly special day for the Class of 1998 as its members gathered for a brunch in the Great Hall to celebrate their five-year reunion. Nearly 140 '98ers and their guests filled the top floor of a decked-out Woodard Campus Center and enjoyed a delicious meal. Gathering as a class and reconnecting prior to the all-inclusive alumni celebration was a great way to kick off Homecoming day for the Class of 1998!

From the Great Hall to the Battleground, many from the Class of '98 took the opportunity to stop by the College Bookstore to replenish their supplies of sweatshirts, key chains, and car decals. Bookstore Director and alumna Kimberly McManus '89 reports an increase over last year's sales due to the popularity of fresh, new MWC apparel — which proves that MWC alumni are still proud to show off their alma mater!

Arriving at the Battleground, alumni were greeted by a white, castle-like tent rising above the tree line. The Office of Alumni Relations hosted the annual alumni celebration under this tent at the edge of the playing fields, and welcomed hundreds of alumni and their guests. Smiles were bright as friends reunited to share stories of their time since graduation. A DJ played great tunes, and everyone enjoyed a delicious barbecue lunch. Signs around the alumni tent let everyone know that the Student Government Association had a special evening planned for them — a concert by "The Clarks," followed by a dazzling fireworks display!

Throughout the day, stories of Junior Ring Week, the perils of hall phones, and the memories of semi-formals were topics of conversation. Also on the minds of MWC alumni was the construction of the new Alumni Executive Center (AEC) across the street from the Battleground. The once-unassuming sight of Trench Hill has been replaced by a flurry of bricks and beams. As the AEC continues to take shape, thoughts turned to Homecoming 2004 and the alumni celebration to be held there. If we're lucky, the day will be just as beautiful, the mood will be just as happy, and the friends with whom we shared our college days will come home to Mary Washington College once again.

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Left to right: George W. Logan, Dori G. Eglevsky and Bill Beck sign the agreement.

Member of the MWC Board of Visitors Fred D. Thompson Jr., left, and Vincent A. DiBenedetto III '83, former BOV member, chat at the signing.

One of the featured speakers was Dori G. Eglevsky, rector of the Mary Washington College Board of Visitors.

Maury School Agreement Signed

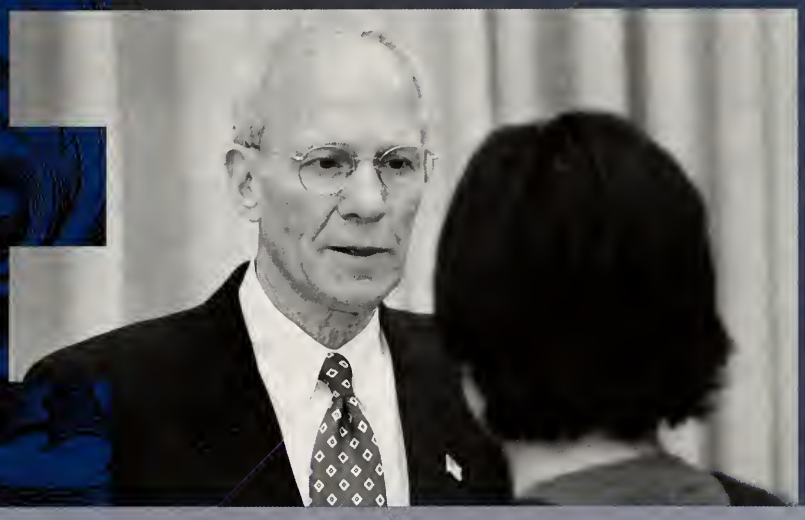
The City of Fredericksburg, Mary Washington College and George Washington's Fredericksburg Foundation publicly signed an agreement to formalize the Maury School initiative — "The Maury Center in Liberty Town" — on Sept. 25, 2003.

"After more than two decades, the vision, enthusiasm and ability to breathe new life into Maury School have finally come together," said Mayor Bill Beck. "Working in partnership with Mary Washington College and George Washington's Fredericksburg Foundation, the City of Fredericksburg will make Maury School a gem of our community."

The agreement, signed by Fredericksburg Mayor Bill Beck, Mary Washington College Board of Visitors Rector Dori G. Eglevsky, and George Washington's Fredericksburg Foundation Chairman George W. Logan, has laid the foundation for the renovation and operation of the Maury School site.

The end product is envisioned to be a site for cultural, historical and educational purposes, providing meeting space, performance and exhibit space, civic attractions and an academic center devoted to preservation papers and research centered on the lives and families of Presidents George Washington and James Monroe.

EXECUTIVE-IN-RESIDENCE



James W. Brinkley, president and chief operating officer of the investment securities firm Legg Mason Wood Walker Inc., was MWC's Executive-in-Residence for the fall semester. Brinkley met with students and faculty during his daylong visit, and gave a formal presentation to business leaders during a community breakfast. Established in 1989, the Executive-in-Residence program is designed to provide students from all academic disciplines of the College with the opportunity to interact with well-known and established leaders in the corporate world.

James W. Brinkley answered questions from students after one of his presentations.

Marvin Hamlisch

To Perform With MWC Orchestra

On Tuesday, April 20, 2004, composer/performer Marvin Hamlisch will be featured with the College-Community Symphony Orchestra in its first Celebrity Series concert. This new series, sponsored by Friends of the Orchestra, will bring world-class performers to MWC each year. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m., and tickets are required. Hamlisch will perform his own music on piano, and also conduct the orchestra. Friends of the Orchestra (yearly subscribers) will be treated to a special reception with Hamlisch following the concert.

As composer, Hamlisch has won every major award: three Oscars, four Grammys, four Emmys, one Tony and three Golden Globe awards. His groundbreaking show, "A Chorus Line," received the Pulitzer Prize.

Among the Broadway shows Hamlisch has composed are "They're Playing Our Song," "The Goodbye Girl," "Sweet Smell of Success" and "Imaginary Friends." He is the composer of more than 40 motion picture scores, including his Oscar-winning score and song for "The Way We Were" and his adaptation of Scott Joplin's music for "The Sting," for which he received a third Oscar. His prolific output of scores for films includes original compositions and/or musical adaptations for "Sophie's Choice," "Ordinary People," "The Swimmer," "Three Men and a Baby," "Ice Castles," "Take the Money and Run," "Bananas" and "Save the Tiger."

Marvin Hamlisch holds the position of Principal Pops Conductor with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra as well as with the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D.C. This is the first time that anyone has held such a position with either orchestra.

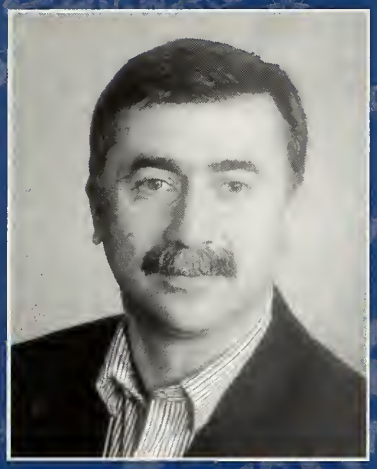
As an added bonus, Hamlisch will present a lecture, "The Art of the Audition," on Tuesday, April 20, at 10 a.m. in Dodd Auditorium. He will publicly audition music theater students in a mock "Chorus Line." The students (and audience) will hear his critique and then the students will move backstage to work with a coach and return to perform again — with marked improvement anticipated. The audience will learn what it's like to audition for a real Broadway show. Tickets must be reserved for this event as well.

Concert tickets: $30 general admission, $20 Friends of the Orchestra, $10 students.

"The Art of the Audition" tickets: $10 general admission.

To reserve tickets for both events or to become a Friend of the Orchestra, please call 654-1012 or e-mail gwehrli@mwc.edu.

Faculty Highlights



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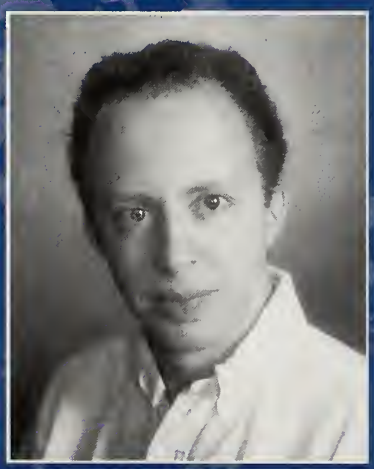


Jeff Edmunds

BY CAROLYN F. HUCKABAY '04

Mehdi Aminrazavi, associate professor of philosophy and religion, presented a paper, "Omar Khayyam on the Principality of Essence over Existence," at the International Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, held at Fordham University in New York.

Paul Barron, library manager at the James Monroe Center, presented a session about "Advanced Web Searching" at the Washington Interactive Technologies Conference, sponsored by the Society for Applied Learning Technology in Washington, D.C. Barron also presented "Advanced Web Searching for Librarians" at the Virginia Educational Media Association fall conference in Williamsburg and at the Virginia Library Association state conference at The Homestead. In addition, Barron conducted a workshop, "Locating Web-based Educational Resources," at the WVPT National Teacher Training Institute at James Madison University, at the Making Connections Conference for Albemarle County Public Schools in Crozet, Va., and at the Prince George's County Powering Up with Technologies Conference at College Park, Md.

Meta R. Braymer, vice president for graduate and professional studies and dean of the James Monroe Center faculty, facilitated the annual, two-day planning retreat of the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce in Charlottesville. Dr. Braymer, chamber chair-elect, focused discussion on regional tourism and the potential development of a regional visitors' center. In addition, Dr. Braymer moderated a panel discussion on "Looking Back, Moving Forward: Lessons Learned" at the 10th annual Leadership Colloquium for Professional Women at the James Monroe Center. The panel featured four past colloquium keynote speakers. Dr. Braymer also coordinated the daylong colloquium, which included seminars, a keynote address and networking to help professional women develop leadership skills.

Yuan-Jen Chiang, professor of mathematics, gave a presentation on "Biharmonic and Harmonic Maps on Various Spaces," based on her publications in international refereed mathematics journals, at the Institute of Advanced Study in Mathematics at Zhejiang University in the Zhejiang Province of China.

Andrew Dolby, assistant professor of biology, presented a poster titled "Nocturnal Thermoregulation in the White-throated Sparrow, *Zonotrichia albicollis*" at the American Ornithologists Union annual meeting, held in Urbana, Ill. Co-authors of the poster include **John Temple**, assistant professor of biology, and several Mary Washington College students who participated in the project. Dr. Dolby also was appointed to the technical committee for Virginia's Important Bird Areas program, co-sponsored by the Virginia Audubon Council and Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

Josh Duncan, archaeological supervisor of the Center for Historic Preservation, was invited to be part of the Preservation Task Force for the city of Fredericksburg. He also led rising eighth-graders from the Fredericksburg Regional Governor's School in a class titled "Digging the Past." As chair of the student affairs committee for the Archaeological Society of Virginia, Duncan assisted with the organization of a student paper competition held during the annual meeting.

Jeff Edmunds, assistant professor of mathematics, had his paper, "Park's Tribolium competition experiments: a non-equilibrium species coexistence hypothesis," published in the *Journal of Animal Ecology*. The article received a cover story write-up in *SIAM News*, the monthly newspaper of the Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics. Dr. Edmunds also presented "Multiple Attractors in a Competition Model" at the Fourth Interna-

tional Conference on Dynamic Systems and Applications, in Atlanta, Ga.

Claudia Emerson, associate professor of English, has had her poems published in the literary journals *Poetry* and *Shenandoah*. Her work also has been anthologized in *Common Wealth*, an anthology of Virginia contemporary poets, from the University Press of Virginia.

Stephen J. Farnsworth, associate professor of political science and international affairs, had his book, *Political Support in a Frustrated America*, released by Praeger Publishers in October. Dr. Farnsworth also was a member of the National Democratic Institute's Pre-election Delegation to Cambodia's 2003 National Assembly Elections. The mission assessed democratic conditions in the country in advance of its July 2003 parliamentary elections. He also recently led a news reporter training program for journalists in the Republic of Georgia, his third media training mission to the former Soviet Union in the past two years. The programs were financed by the U.S. Agency for International Development. Dr. Farnsworth had an article titled "Congress and Citizen Discontent: Public Evaluations of the Membership and One's Own Representative," published in *American Politics Research*, a peer-reviewed research journal. In addition, Dr. Farnsworth recently discussed the book, *The Nightly News Nightmare: Network Television's Coverage of U.S. Presidential Elections, 1988-2000*, of which he is a co-author, on "Perspective," the leading news and information program on Central Virginia's Public Television Network. Dr. Farnsworth has begun monthly appearances to discuss Virginia politics on the Kojo Nnamdi show on WAMU-FM in Washington, D.C.

Chris Foss, assistant professor of English, recently had an article titled "'There is no god who can keep us from tasting': Good Cannibalism in Hélène Cixous's *The Book of Promethea*," published in *Scenes from the Apple: Food and the Female Body in Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Women's Writing*, a volume of critical essays in the Feminist Criticism and Theory series from The State University of New York Press.

James Gaines, professor of French and chair of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, was recently nominated to be a member of the committee on Sociological Approaches to Literature of the Modern Language Association of America. Dr. Gaines also co-edited a book, *The Molière Encyclopedia*, published by Greenwood Publishing. In addition, Dr. Gaines presided over a session on "Comic Erudition" and delivered a paper titled "Molière, the Skeptics, and the Paradoxical School" for a session devoted to "L'Ecole de Molière" at the joint conference of the British Society for Seventeenth-Century French Studies and the Society for Interdisciplinary French Seventeenth-Century Studies, held in Durham, England.

Carole Garmon, assistant professor of art, was featured on an episode of a documentary series by BBC2 and Fulmar Films, titled "The Private Life of the Masterpiece." The episode, filmed in Amsterdam, focused on Rembrandt's painting, "The Nightwatch." The documentary featured an interview as well as stills of an installation she created for Randolph-Macon College.

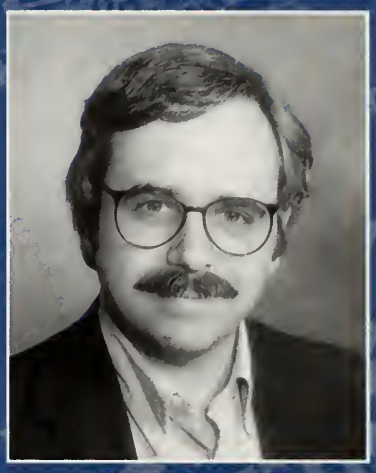
James E. Goehring, professor of religion, had his article, "The Dark Side of Landscape: Ideology and Power in the Christian Myth of the Desert," published in *The Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies*. The special issue of the journal is dedicated to Dr. Elizabeth A. Clark, one of the founding members of the Mary Washington College Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion.

Steven Greenlaw and **Robert Rycroft**, professors of economics, participated in the Developments in Economics and Business Education Conference held in Edinburgh, Scotland. Dr. Greenlaw presented the paper "Getting the Most Out of Electronic Discussions: From Principles of Economics to Advanced Seminars." Dr. Rycroft presented "Economics in the Third Dimension: 3D Tutorials in Economics" at a poster session. Dr. Rycroft also had a note, titled "The Lorenz Curve and the Gini Coefficient," published in the Summer 2003 volume of *The Journal of Economic Education*.

Stephen P. Hanna, associate professor of geography, recently had *Mapping Tourism*, a book for which he co-wrote two chapters and co-edited the entire volume, published by the University of Minnesota Press. The book investigates cultural politics of place and identity present in tourism maps.

Bradley Hansen, associate professor of economics, presented a paper, "The Transformation of Bankruptcy in the United States," at the Political Economy of Financial Markets conference held at Princeton University.

Elizabeth P. Harper, associate dean of admissions for adult programs, coordinated a panel called "Virginia Teachers in the Old and New South" at the Southern Association of Women Historians Conference at the University of Georgia. As part of the panel, Ms. Harper presented a paper, "The Normal Department at Hollins Institute, 1863-1900." Ms. Harper also was recently elected as vice-chair of



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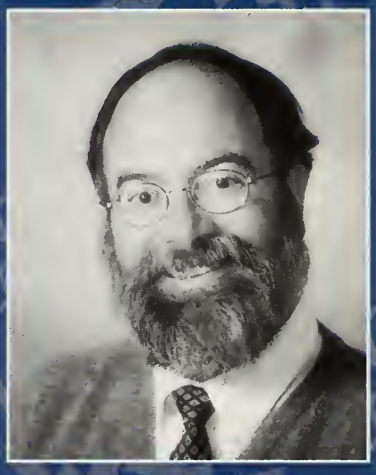

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the Washington Education Coalition for Adults Returning to Education (WE CARE), a regional organization for professional educators who work with nontraditional students.

Rebecca S. Hayes, assistant professor of education at the James Monroe Center, was named chairperson of the management team for a three-year, $1 million federal grant to improve the teaching of American history in local schools. The project, titled "Connections to the Past," will include history professors teaching a weeklong institute each summer at the James Monroe Center to enhance teachers' knowledge and understanding of traditional American history. The project also will feature in-depth lectures by historians and offer field experiences at historical venues in Fredericksburg, elsewhere in Virginia and in Washington, D.C. Dr. Hayes helped write the grant.

Christina Kakavá, associate professor of linguistics, presented "Bicultural Identities in Contest: The Struggle of 'We' and 'Other' From Within" at the International Humanities Conference held in Rhodes, Greece. Dr. Kakavá also was awarded a Jepson Fellowship for the 2004-05 academic year.

Mike Klein, archaeological investigator for the Center for Historic Preservation, had his paper, "Ceramics, Style and Society in the Potomac Valley of Virginia," published in the *Journal of Middle Atlantic Archaeology*. In addition, he was co-author of the paper "Secondary Burial and the Production and Exchange of Grave Goods in the Middle Atlantic Region," which he presented at the Society for American Archaeology's annual meeting, held in Milwaukee, Wis.

Janusz Konieczny, associate professor of mathematics, had his article, "Regular, Inverse and Completely Regular Centralizers of Permutations," published in the journal *Mathematica Bohemica*. Dr. Konieczny and co-author **Stephen Lipscomb**, professor emeritus of mathematics, also had their article, "The Class Equation and Counting in Factorizable Monoids," published in the *Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society*. Dr. Lipscomb also was the co-author of "The Generalization of Sierpinski's Triangle that lives in 4-space," an article published in volume 20 of the *Houston Journal of Mathematics*. In addition, Dr. Konieczny is the co-author of "Automorphism Groups of Centralizers of Idempotents," published in the *Journal of Algebra*.

John M. Kramer, distinguished professor of political science, had his paper, "Drug Abuse in Russia: Emerging Pandemic or Overhyped Diversion?" published in the journal *Problems of Post-Communism*. Dr. Kramer also delivered a paper titled "EU Accession and the Environment in Central and Eastern Europe: Six Challenges" at the Fifth World Congress of Central and East European Studies conference in Budapest, Hungary.

David Long, professor of music, has been selected as a 2003-04 American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers Award recipient. Awards are granted by an independent panel and are based upon the unique prestige value of each writer's catalog of original compositions, as well as recent performances in areas not surveyed by the organization. Dr. Long also won third place in the 2003 Percussive Arts Society 30th Annual Percussion Composition Contest for "Mixtures 2." The work was premiered by the Millikin University Percussion Ensemble during the 2003 Percussive Arts Society International Convention held in Louisville, Ky. "Mixtures 2" will be published by C. Alan Publications in Greensboro, N.C. Dr. Long's recent publications with C. Alan Publications include an arrangement of Scott Joplin's "Bethena" for concert band, "Teatime Tango" and "Procession," also for concert band, and "Reverie" for unaccompanied marimba. In addition, Dr. Long's "Homage to Normandy" for concert band was performed on Remembrance Day (Veteran's Day in the United States) by the Morden Collegiate Institute Concert Band in Morden, Manitoba.

Marie McAllister, associate professor of English, gave the presidential address at the October meeting of the East-Central American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies. Her talk was titled "What My 'Eighteenth-Century' House Taught Me About Teaching."

Keith E. Mellinger, assistant professor of mathematics, had his article, "A Geometric Relationship Between Equivalent Spreads," published in the journal *Designs, Codes, and Cryptography*. Dr. Mellinger also had "Projections of Binary Linear Codes onto Larger Fields," published in the *SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics*. In addition, Dr. Mellinger gave an invited departmental colloquium "Correcting Digital Errors — An Historical Perspective," at Millersville University.

Thomas Moeller, professor of psychology, has been appointed treasurer of the Virginia Academy of Academic Psychologists, one of the three academies that comprise the Virginia Psychological Association.

Patricia Norwood, professor and chair of the Department of Music, had her article, "13th-Century Marian Motets," published in the journal *Medieval Perspectives*, in a special commemorative issue dedicated to the recent past editors of the Southeastern Medieval Association.

Patricia Norwood

Daniel Preston

Warren Rochelle

Dr. Norwood also presented the paper "French/Spanish Borders in 13th-Century Motets" at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Medieval Association, held at the University of Arkansas. She chaired the "Far and Away" session during the same meeting and serves as secretary-treasurer of the organization.

Deborah A. O'Dell, associate professor of biology, presented three papers with her undergraduate research students at the first annual meeting of the Society for Young Neuroscientists and Professors in the South East (SYNAPSE). The papers included "Calcium ion channel activity in sensory neurons from diabetic rats," "Effects of EMF on HSP 27 in the nervous system," and "Retinoic Acid in the hippocampus of juvenile and adult mice." Dr. O'Dell also presented a paper on "Expression of a Growth Associated Protein During Learning in *Drosophila*" at the meeting of the mid-Atlantic chapter of the Society for Developmental Biology in Philadelphia, Pa.

Daniel Preston, editor of *The Papers of James Monroe*, had his article, "Diplomacy and Military Innovation after the War of 1812," published in the September 2003 issue of *Annotation*, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission newsletter.

John H. Reynolds, professor of computer science, had his paper, titled "Bootstrapping a Self-Compiling Compiler from Machine X to Machine Y," published in *The Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges*.

Warren Rochelle, assistant professor of English, recently had a short story, "The Golden Boy," published in *The Silver Gryphon*, a collection edited by Gary Turner and Mary Halpern. Dr. Rochelle also presented a paper titled "The More Things Change, Do They Stay the Same?: The Patriotic? Rhetoric of Harry Turtledove's Alternate Americas," at the Science Fiction Research Association conference held at the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada.

Mark J. Safferstone, associate dean and director of community outreach at the James Monroe Center, made presentations on the topics "Improving Quality and Productivity — The U.S. Senate Quality and Productivity Award Program" and "Leading Change" at the Virginia Association of Governmental Purchasers Fall Conference in Fredericksburg. Dr. Safferstone also led a workshop, titled "The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator: Implications for Executive Action," at the Federal Executive Institute. In addition, he co-led a three-day leadership development workshop for the Leon County, Fla., Department of Health Management Team in Tallahassee.

Douglas W. Sanford, associate professor of historic preservation and director of the Center for Historic Preservation, had his article, "Historical Archaeology and Theoretical Excursions in the Middle Atlantic Region," published in the *Journal of Middle Atlantic Archaeology*. He also wrote an article, "The Archaeology of Slave Quarter Architecture and Landscapes," that was included in the proceedings of the 13th Conference on Restoring Southern Gardens and Landscapes, in Winston-Salem, N.C. The conference's theme was "Cultivating History: Exploring Horticultural Practices of the Southern Gardener." Dr. Sanford's paper was part of an invited session on African-American gardens and landscapes at the same conference.

Debra Schleef, assistant professor of sociology, is serving as a consultant on a Law School Admissions Council Grant, titled "Fear of Falling: The Effects of *U.S. News and World Report* on U.S. Law Schools."

Jo Tyler, associate professor of linguistics and education at the James Monroe Center, presented a paper titled "What's *lufian* got to do with it?" at the combined meeting of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association and the Southeastern Conference on Linguistics in Atlanta, Ga.

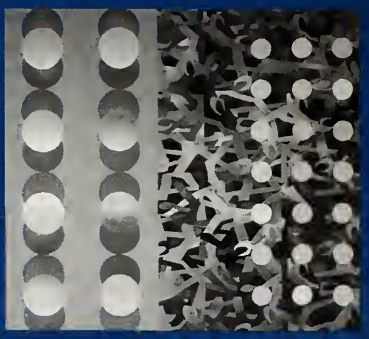
Martin A. Wilder Jr., vice president for enrollment, was a presenter at the 59th annual conference of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) in Long Beach, Calif. Dr. Wilder's session was titled "Charting a New Course for the Statement of Principles of Good Practice," which dealt with ethical issues in the college admission profession. In addition, Dr. Wilder was recognized for completing a three-year term on the Executive Board of the NACAC, as the association's vice president for admission, counseling, and enrollment practices, at the same conference. Dr. Wilder also was a presenter at The College Board National Forum in New York City. The topic of the presentation was "Crumbling Conventions: Can Early Decision and Early Action Be Saved?"

Esther Yook, speaking center director, was guest co-editor for a special issue of *The Journal of Asian Pacific Communication*, titled "Communication and Culture in Korea: At the Crosswinds of Tradition and Change." Dr. Yook also was elected publications chair for the National Association of Communication Centers.

Carolyn Huckabay '04 of Bethesda, Md., is majoring in English and is a student aide in the Office of College Relations at MWC.

Steve Griffin

Carole Garmon



Joseph Di Bella

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

September

The College's duPont Gallery hosted the exhibition "Lester Van Winkle: A Few of My Favorite Things"...Alan McEvoy, sociology professor at Wittenberg University in Ohio, presented a workshop, "Bullying in Schools: How Teachers Can Prevent and Intervene," and a lecture, "Courtship Violence: Toward Understanding and Effective Response"...Belmont, the Gari Melchers Estate and Memorial Gallery, hosted a series of three public lectures titled "Women Making Art: Then and Now," accompanied by an exhibition of outdoor sculpture by contemporary artist Jennifer Hecker...The Mary Washington College Department of Theatre and Dance began its 2003-04 season with "To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday," by Michael Brady...Beginning this year's Cultural Awareness Series, author and *Washington Post* "Book World" editor Marie Arana spoke in Lee Hall Ballroom about her book, *American Chica: Two Worlds, One Childhood*...James W. Brinkley, president and chief operating officer of the investment securities firm Legg Mason Wood Walker Inc., was MWC's Executive-in-Residence for the fall semester.

October

MWC welcomed the multicultural ensemble Hesperus performing the concert "Spain in the New World," as an Hispanic Heritage Month event...Candidates for the Virginia House of Delegates and the Virginia Senate in two contested races participated in debates at the College... The Historic Preservation Club at Mary Washington College held its 19th annual Ghost Walk...The Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra opened its 2003-04 season with a spectacular "Masterworks" program in Dodd Auditorium. The featured guest artist was guitarist Philip Snead, faculty classical guitar instructor at MWC...Michael Stuart Fitzgerald, associate professor of history at Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio, delivered the 16th Annual James Monroe Lecture, "James Monroe — the Architect of 19th Century National Defense"...An interview with MWC political science professor Stephen Farnsworth was featured on the radio program "With Good Reason"...Four professors from the Mary Washington College Department of Art and Art History displayed their work in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery. Featured faculty members were Distinguished Professor of Art Joseph Di Bella, Assistant Professor Carole Garmon, and Professors Steve Griffin and Lorene Nickel...An exhibition featuring the artwork of four senior studio art majors was on display in the duPont Gallery. Students featured in the show included Minda McMahon and Terrence Reddinger of Fredericksburg, Diana Bendixen of Huddleston, Va., and Patricia Castelar of Bealeton, Va....The Mary Washington College Combined Choruses performed together in Dodd Auditorium...The Mary Washington College Debate Team hosted the British National Debate Team in a parliamentary-style debate exhibition as part of its five-day visit to the Fredericksburg campus. The topic was "Resolved: This House believes that the war in Iraq was not justified"...Children from the Fredericksburg area were invited to attend MWC's annual Trick-or-Treating Halloween Bash.

Lorene Nickel

FACULTY ART FEATURED AT RIDDERHOF MARTIN GALLERY

November

Mary Washington College's Leidecker Center for Asian Studies hosted a symposium on landscape and spirituality. Topics included "The Search for Solitude in China and The Secret of Zen's Success," by author Bill Porter/Red Pine; "Piety and Landscape in Sufi Literature," by Mehdi Aminrazavi, associate professor of philosophy and religion at MWC; and "The Desert Landscape in Early Christian Egypt," by James Goehring, professor of religion at the College...As part of the Cultural Awareness Series, author Samrat Upadhyay lectured in Lee Hall Ballroom... The Mary Washington College Wind and Percussion Ensemble presented its fall concert under the direction of Craig Thomas Naylor, assistant professor of music...An exhibition featuring the artwork of four senior studio art majors was displayed in the duPont Gallery. Students featured in the show were Shannon Berck of Annandale, Va., Stephanie Booth of Burke, Va., Katie Duffett of Fairfax, Va., and Chris MacDonald of Fredericksburg...The Mary Washington College Department of Theatre and Dance presented "Les Liaisons Dangereuses," by Christopher Hampton...A slide lecture, "American Indians: Origins, Arts, and Contemporary Life," was presented by George Horse Capture, special assistant

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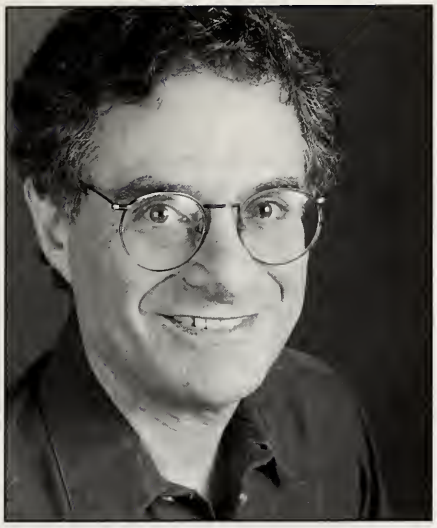


Marc Okrand

for cultural resources and senior counselor to the director of the National Museum of the American Indian. The event was part of MWC's Cultural Awareness Series...Encore, the Mary Washington College Show Choir, performed in a concert titled "Radio Active"...Mary Washington College students held the third annual "Make-A-Difference Day Extravaganza," emphasizing service projects for children in the community...The Department of Music presented a Flute Festival in Pollard Hall...Mehdi Aminrazavi lectured on Abol-Qasem Ferdowsi's *The Book of Kings*, a medieval Persian epic from the 11th century...Kamal Nawash, the first Muslim candidate ever to compete in the Virginia Senate election, lectured in Lee Hall Ballroom...Acclaimed storyteller Megan Hicks presented the program "Gutsy Broads: Stories About Strong Women"... MWC's Department of Chemistry hosted the Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society meeting, featuring a lecture on "Forensics and Terrorism" by Ralph Allen, professor of chemistry at The University of Virginia... Mucilage hosted a town meeting sponsored by The Alliance for Virginia Students. This was the fourth of a series of statewide public meetings sponsored by the alliance to foster a public dialogue in support of quality education throughout the state...Marc Okrand, author of *The Klingon Dictionary*, lectured on "Language and Science Fiction: The Case of Klingon," as part of the Linguistics Speaker Series...The Mary Washington College Jazz Ensemble presented its fall concert...Bellacappella, Mary Washington College's only all-female a cappella ensemble, presented its fall concert, "Beauty and the Beat." The Mary Washington College Cultural Awareness Series held its "Taste of Asia," complete with a fashion show, dance performances, and a variety of ethnic food.

December

The Mary Washington College Combined Choruses performed together in Dodd Auditorium. There were performances by the Mary Washington College Chorus, the College's Women's Chamber Choir, the Fredericksburg Singers, the College's new a cappella group called Una Voce, and Encore, the show choir... MWC hosted a lecture on "Leadership in a Democracy: What it Takes Morally," as part of its Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Program. The lecture was delivered by William May, Maguire University Professor of Ethics, Emeritus, at Southern Methodist University...The Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra presented a Holiday Pops Open Rehearsal and annual "Pops" concert. In addition, a Fiddlestix event for children was held — an "instrument petting zoo" — where children ages 4 and up had the opportunity to touch, hear and learn about the instruments in the orchestra...The College hosted "Deck the Halls 2003," the 23rd annual holiday floral decorations workshop offered by the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library in conjunction with Jan Williams Florals.

In December, members of the Mary Washington College Combined Chorus performed in concert to ring in the holiday season.

Alumni News

Message from the President of the Alumni Association

It is now officially 2004, a year that will bring exciting change and continued growth to Mary Washington College.

As you know, the Board of Visitors voted in late November to pursue legislation during the upcoming session of the General Assembly to become "University of Mary Washington." The name was one of two that the College Image and University Name Committee had recommended, as part of the institution's transition to university status.

The recommended name reflects the wishes of alumni, current students, and faculty to retain "Mary Washington" in the university name. It also ensures that the name and character of Mary Washington College remain intact and unchanged.

As I mentioned in the last two issues of this magazine (summer 2003 and fall 2003), the College Image and University Name Committee, which I chaired, was charged with preserving the name, tradition and quality of Mary Washington College while recommending one or more names for the proposed university, linking Mary Washington College and the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies. The committee studied new and existing research, including the work of the College Image and Stafford Name Committee (1996-98), the College's self-study (2001-03), and data collected by the nationally known higher education research firm Stamats Communications, in order to make its recommendations to the president.

It was a privilege to work with the 21 members of the committee, who represented the Alumni Association, the MWC Foundation, the Fredericksburg community, the faculty, the administrative staff and the student body. I am deeply grateful for the time, effort and commitment each member contributed to this assignment.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will read more about the university name, along with remarks from the rector and the president of the College, encouraging all constituents to move forward together in support of the name and the institution's future as a university. In this spirit, the Alumni Association's Board of Directors voted in December to endorse the name recommended to the General Assembly by the Board of Visitors.

Our new Alumni Executive Center also represents MWC's continued success and growth. We will celebrate its grand opening during Reunion Weekend, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, June 5. I have had several opportunities to drive down Hanover Street and observe the exciting progress of the construction, and I hope many of you have as well. The staff will move into the facility over the summer, and our new home will be humming with activity when the next academic year begins.

I hope you'll join me in embracing the changes and celebrating the heritage of our alma mater. I hope to see you at the Alumni Executive Center in the near future.

Kathleen Shepherd Mehfoud '70

Attention All MWC Alumni!

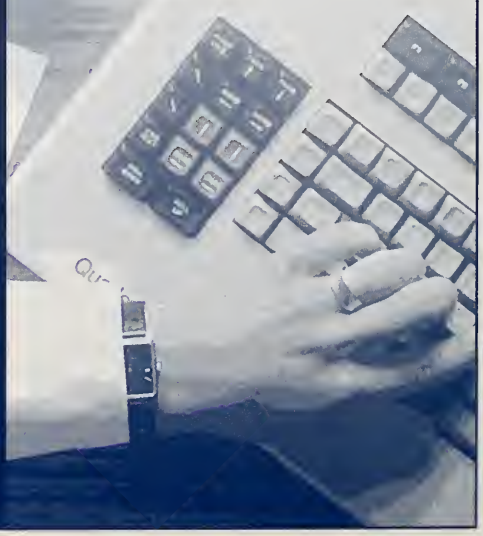
Have you joined the MWC Alumni Online Community?

On this site, you can update your mailing address or phone number, re-connect with former classmates through the online directory, chat on the message boards, and check for alumni events in your area.

A popular feature is the permanent e-mail forwarding. E-mail forwarding allows you to share just one e-mail address with your friends — yourname@mwc.alumni.edu — while simply updating your active e-mail address with us. When you change jobs, switch e-mail providers, or simply decide to use a different e-mail address, all you have to do is update it ONCE through the MWC Online Community and every e-mail sent to your forwarding address will reach you.

The MWC Alumni Association is rapidly expanding — be sure you're always kept in the loop by registering with the Online Community today!

Questions? Click on the MWC Online Community link at www.mwc.edu/alumni or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 540-654-1011.



Student callers Graeme Joeck '05, Meghan Sloan '05 and Phonathon Chair Rachel Hundley '06 enjoy chatting with MWC alumni and friends.

On the Other End of the Phone

BY DONNA HARTER RAAB

When the phone rings during Phonathon, MWC alumni and parents across the country answer the call to help MWC achieve the Annual Fund goal. From September 22 to November 10, 2003, Phonathon callers recorded $566,000 in pledges toward the $1.2 million goal for the **EDUCATION IS THE KEY** Annual Fund. These unrestricted gifts to the Annual Fund are important to help Mary Washington College support areas of need not funded by the State budget.

Phonathon Chairs Laurie Phillips '04 and Rachel Hundley '06 recruit and train callers for each session. Students receive an hourly wage plus free meals, snacks, and one free personal call per week. Junior Meghan Sloan '05 has participated in Phonathon for two semesters and says she looks forward to chatting with MWC supporters. "I feel I can really relate to the people on the other end of the phone. They tell me what they remember about the College and ask questions about my major or my career goals," she says. "Occasionally, I get a hang-up, but more often I have a really nice conversation and a very enjoyable evening." Meghan says she plans to return for the spring calling session.

Assistant Director of Annual Giving Robyn Porter '03 says many students write personal notes on pledge cards that are mailed to donors, and some donors even write back to follow-up with these students. "I think Phonathon is a great way for our alumni and parents to establish a personal dialogue with someone at the College. It's always fun when someone knows the person they're talking to."

Phonathon callers help raise more than half of the total Annual Fund goal each year. Students begin the next calling session in February. For more information about the **EDUCATION IS THE KEY** Annual Fund campaign, please visit the MWC Foundation Web site at www.mwc.edu/gift, or call the Office of Annual Giving at (540) 654-1024 or (888) MWC-0004.

Donna Harter Raab is the director of development communications.

Building on Tradition

BY DONNA HARTER RAAB

As construction of the Alumni Executive Center progresses, the Finishing Committee is finalizing plans to furnish the interior. The decor will reflect three themes to represent the nearly 100-year history of Mary Washington College and its ties with students, alumni and the Fredericksburg area — a sense of history, a sense of pride, and a sense of community.

You can help by donating fine furnishings, carpets or accessory items to create an elegant and inviting decor that reflects generations of use. The Richmond-based design firm of Beaty & Brown has prepared specific criteria for items needed, and they will assess all items offered for consideration.

To request information about donating gifts-in-kind or monetary gifts, please call the President's Office at (540) 654-1301, send an e-mail to mcorbin@mwc.edu, or visit the Web site at www.mwc.edu/aec.

MWC COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL Alumni Executive Center Campaign

Mary Washington College has announced the completion of its Alumni Executive Center capital campaign, surpassing its $6 million goal by more than $800,000.

"We have said all along that this center would play a strong role in the College's ability to reach out to the surrounding community and provide a first-class facility for social gatherings, non-profit events, and business meetings alike," said Jeff Rountree, vice president for college development. "I am gratified by the amount of money raised by non-alumni sources, nearly $2.3 million to date and climbing. That includes support from residents of the Fredericksburg area, local municipalities, regional businesses, corporations and foundations. We extend our thanks and gratitude to all of the donors involved with this exciting project."

Once completed, the new 24,000-square-foot Alumni Executive Center will be used for alumni events and will provide an ideal setting for local businesses to hold meetings, retreats and conferences. The facility will include meeting rooms, a banquet hall that will accommodate 200 guests, a courtyard for entertaining 400 visitors, as well as first-class suites for overnight guests. The center is slated to be completed in the summer of 2004.

Funding for the project began in late 1999 with a $2 million donation from Alice Andrews Jepson '64, and her husband, Robert. The campaign officially began in June 2000. The College also received a $400,000 challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation, helping MWC to raise the remaining $4 million necessary for the construction of the complex. Additional pledges are expected to raise the total to more than $7.5 million, and all of the money will be spent to complete the construction of the center.

"The resounding success of the campaign can be traced directly back to the strong leadership of campaign chair Alice Andrews Jepson and her entire campaign committee," Rountree said.

While construction nears completion, a campaign to furnish and decorate the center is ongoing. The Decorating Committee is still accepting donations, including fine antiques, oriental rugs and other high-quality items of interest. A number of local residents have already made monetary gifts or donations of furniture and other items to support the decorating project.

For more information about the Alumni Executive Center, call the Office of College Advancement at (540) 654-1024. To request an information packet with a list of items still needed to furnish the center, contact Ranny Corbin, chair of the Alumni Executive Center Building, Decorating, and Operations Committees and executive assistant to the president, at (540) 654-1301 or by e-mail at mcorbin@mwc.edu.

An Historic Celebration

BY DONNA HARTER RAAB

On October 25, 2003, more than 150 guests of the College gathered for *An Historic Celebration* at Lee Hall. Hosted by President and Mrs. William M. Anderson Jr., and Alice Andrews Jepson '64, and her husband, Robert S. Jepson Jr., the reception and dinner provided an occasion to honor members of the President's Council and to commemorate the successful completion of the Alumni Executive Center campaign.

Bill Poole, a member of the MWC Board of Visitors and a longtime MWC supporter, welcomed everyone and invited them to enjoy a medieval feast.

President Anderson thanked everyone for their support of the College through the Annual Fund and the special campaign for the Alumni Executive Center. Campaign Chair Alice Jepson recognized the top donors for the Alumni Executive Center campaign; Co-chairs Elizabeth Smith Hughes '51 and Charlotte Major Minor '66 recognized all volunteers.

President Anderson then invited Robert S. Jepson Jr. and G. Gilmer Minor to join him and the committee leadership on stage to help unveil a surprise gift — a specially commissioned portrait featuring the three MWC alumnae who led the Alumni Executive Center campaign to its successful completion. The portrait will be displayed in the reception area of the new Alumni Executive Center.

President Anderson presented a specially commissioned portrait of the campaign leadership. From left to right: Robert S. Jepson Jr., Alice Andrews Jepson '64, Elizabeth Smith Hughes '51, G. Gilmer Minor, Charlotte Major Minor '66 and President Anderson.

Construction for the new facility is on schedule, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for June 2004.

Guests enjoy a medieval feast in Lee Hall Ballroom.

MWC PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL CLUB GOES TO PARIS

BY DONNA HARTER RAAB

An Historic Voyage

Thomas Jefferson spent five years in Paris from 1784-1789. During that time he served as commissioner and then as American Minister to France. Many historians credit Jefferson's years in France as having a profound impact on his life, his architectural designs, and his viewpoints throughout the presidency and during his founding of the University of Virginia.

In October 2003, the MWC President's Travel Club visited France to see the Paris known to Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and other influential Americans. The trip was arranged through Academic Arrangements Abroad and included three nights in Paris and a seven-day cruise on the Rhone River aboard the *MS Cézanne*. Alice Jouve, co-author of *Paris: Birthplace of the U.S.A.*, served as art historian and French National Guide to introduce the group to the lives and interests of the early American delegation to France. Carter L. Hudgins, Hofer Distinguished Professor of Early American Culture and Historic Preservation at Mary Washington College, accompanied the group to specifically highlight the five years Jefferson spent in Paris and traveling through the south of France.

The October trip to Paris and Provence was the first excursion for the MWC President's Travel Club. Although it's new to MWC, President William M. Anderson Jr. says the idea of a travel club is not original. "Many colleges around the country have travel clubs, and I have wanted to create one here for some time," he says. "I think it is a great opportunity to get to know MWC alumni and friends of the College in a social setting, away from fax machines and telephones. We were able to experience many new things in a foreign land, and yet still talk about the future of Mary Washington College."

As for Anderson himself, it was his first trip to France. "I've read and studied about many of these places for years," he says, "but it was a real treat to see France firsthand, to visit with the people, enjoy their culture and see the countryside. I especially loved seeing the Roman ruins, coliseums and theaters. I constantly marveled at how those structures were made with such simple tools to assist them. I am still in awe of the whole spectrum of a society that so many years ago was able to plan these structures and actually build them."

J. William Poole, Fredericksburg businessman and member of the MWC Board of Visitors, says this was also his first trip to France. "My wife, Betty, and I were happy to be a part of the President's Travel Club and tour Paris and Provence with MWC alumni and friends of the College. It was a complete educational experience for me," says Poole. "It was very, very exciting to be able to follow in the footsteps of Jefferson and Franklin and visit the places they had either visited, lived or worked. Alice Jouve and Carter Hudgins did an excellent job educating us on the symbolic relationship between France and the United States, and on the significance of the historical sites we were visiting. I especially liked the Château de Laye Epinay where Jefferson spent three days as the guest of Comte and Comtesse de Lay Epinay, and seeing other places where Jefferson got his inspiration for many of his architectural designs."

Poole says the trip was well-coordinated, which made it even more enjoyable. "Everyone in our group was very interested and attentive during all our travels. The food and wine were terrific, and we were always in areas where we had guides or translators who spoke good English. Basically, we had everything provided for us before we even knew we needed it. Overall, it was just a wonderful experience."

Anne Wilson Rowe '57 and her husband, Josiah P. Rowe III, took the *Queen Elizabeth* across the Atlantic and spent a week in Normandy before meeting their son, daughter-in-law and members of the

President's Travel Club in Paris. Mrs. Rowe says she has traveled with both Alice Jouve and Academic Arrangements Abroad on previous trips, and was excited to visit historical sites not normally open to tourists in Paris and throughout Provence.

"I always enjoy traveling with old friends and making new ones," says Mrs. Rowe, "and I really like doing riverboat trips where your boat is your hotel. It makes it easier to see sites in a larger geographical area without having to pack and unpack."

Mrs. Rowe says she was particularly happy the trip included a visit to Nîmes to see la Maison Carrée, the Roman temple that Jefferson used as a model for the state capital building in Richmond. "Another big thrill for me was visiting the Château de Grignan in Viviers, which is associated with the wonderful 17th-century letter-writer Madame de Sévigné. The great thing about traveling in Europe is the presence of so many periods of time in one place. We saw modern France and traveled on a high-speed train; we visited the same places Jefferson visited in the 18th century; we saw structures from the 14th century; and we walked among medieval ruins. I had a delightful time."

Dr. Hudgins says this trip provided a great opportunity for the group to see Paris from an 18th-century perspective and to understand the important role the French played in the success of the American Revolution. "After our victory at Yorktown, all Americans in the 13 colonies knew this triumph was a direct result of the alliance with the French," he explains. "During that time, Paris was the source of men, arms and money ... essentially the raw materials of American independence. Originally achieved by Franklin, that French alliance was carefully tended until the Treaty of Paris was signed in 1783."

Hudgins says other men continued Franklin's diplomatic work in Paris. "Adams and Jefferson tended America's alliance with France, and they, in turn were succeeded by other capable men including James Monroe, John Jay, Charles Pinckney, Robert Livingston, and John Marshall. America needed both the French support and the political legitimacy that French recognition of American independence provided. Along the way, of course, these Americans in Paris acquired great interest in the architecture, literature, art and music that surrounded them, and it was through them, in part, that American 'taste' was shaped and influenced in profound ways."

Left: While in Paris, the group visited the centuries-old Louvre.

Below: Members of the MWC President's Travel Club posed on the deck of the MS Cézanne.

The MWC President's Travel Club is preparing for its second excursion in May 2004. Titled "Princes and Palaces: Masterpieces of Northern Italy," this tour will begin in Milan and also will include a six-day cruise aboard the *River Cloud II*. MWC Professor Emeritus of Italian Clavio F. Ascari and his wife, Rosalia Colombo Ascari, a professor from Sweet Briar College, will provide background information and lectures. For more information contact Jeff W. Rountree '91, MWC vice president for college advancement, at (888) 692-0004 or (540) 654-1024.

Top right: The Gardens at Versailles represent the formal style of 17th-century France.

Center: The Triumphal Arch in Orange dates back to the first century and commemorates Rome's victories in Gaul.

Bottom right: The Hôtel des Invalides was founded in 1671 by Louis XIV.

Class Notes

Goat Notes

1931

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Those of us who are left from the Class of '31 should salute **Mabel McGinniss Crismond** and **Anne Ratcliffe Webb** for their loyalty in sending news with bird Christmas cards that they have been sending for years. They know that I have always been a bird-lover. I have had no news from anyone else.

As for yours truly, I have exceptionally low vision and a hearing problem, but I "still wear the old school tie"! Sorry I cannot get to any more reunions. Those of you who read this, please send me some notes. As ever, don't forget the class fund.

Love to each of you.

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We send our sympathy to the family of **Catherine "Cassie" Brown Simpson**, who died in June. I think back to the time when we received a box full of goodies from home and Cassie would say, "I can't wait to stick a tooth in that." Cassie's great-great-niece, Tracy, called me about Cassie's death. Cassie gave her home to the church. She and a friend attended our 65th reunion. We will miss her.

"If we can piece together the past and count through to the years, we could see that these things don't just happen, it is a part of God's plan." So said Stewart Jones about "Pieces of the Past," a historical compilation of sacred memorabilia and artifacts displayed in Hartwood Presbyterian Church's new museum. Stewart gathered items including an 1839 hymnal, an old Jones family Bible and others. Most of the church's artifacts date from the post-Civil War period. Stewart has also written the church history with her cousin, George D. Taylor, titled "A View from the Hills."

Ruby Lee Norris has one more year on the foundation board at MWC. She attended the Alumni Executive Center Campaign Committee dinner celebrating the $6 million campaign in October 2003. Last July, Ruby Lee began a two-year term on the alumni association board of directors. Mary Washington College continues at the top of her volunteer list, as you can see. Last winter she spent several weeks in Florida visiting her son and his wife at their home in the Little Torch Key and attending a longtime friend's wedding in Ft. Lauderdale.

Frances Liebenow Armstrong wrote that around 900 freshmen are currently enrolled — the largest freshmen class ever. The Alumni Executive Center is coming along well. The new fitness center will open this academic year. Dr. Anderson and his wife are now grandparents. Their oldest daughter and her husband have a son, born in August.

I keep in touch with **Dorothy McGuire Bunch**. I have muscular degeneration, and it is getting harder to write. I have reread some of Rosamunde Pilcher's large-print books.

Ed. Note: We are sorry to report that **Vernie Blankinship Knight** passed on in November 2003. Our deepest sympathies are extended to family and friends.

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Greetings Class of '44! First, we have a reminder from the two classmates who will be organizing our 60th reunion on June 4-6, 2004. **Christine Vassar Crute** and **Jean DeShazo Flemer** are hoping you will be alert to any mail you may receive from the MWC alumni office in the spring. Please respond as quickly as possible. Christine said, "Let's make this one the best ever, because we aren't getting any younger." Don't we all agree? I am hoping that most of you are planning to return to MWC for this special reunion. I am sure you will be pleased.

Cena Carswell wrote that the first thing she looks for when the *MWC Today* magazine arrives is the Class of '44 report. Because all of you are so good about sending news, we do have a column every time. Thanks to all of you — you have been most supportive. Cena and her husband have been blessed with good health and an enthusiasm for each day. They visited ever-popular Branson, Mo., in the spring and enjoyed several shows, and later they went on a cruise through the San Juan Islands between Washington State and Canada. She said it was like being in another world.

Hazel "Tommy" Strong Morris is trying to decide whether she should go back to Florida this winter after all her difficulties of last year. Now listen to this! She flew down to Florida and hired a company to take her car down. The company lost it! It was finally found in Richmond, Va. There she was in Florida with no car, no clothes, and no medicines. When she got to her condo there was no water, no TV, and no phone. Thank goodness for good neighbors who helped get her organized. The winter went well until a week before she was to return to Delaware, when her car was broken into. It was stripped of everything. The worst loss was her gasoline credit cards. The local police were finally able to catch the two women who were responsible. What a winter vacation! Right now she is safely back in Delaware. Tommy keeps in touch with **Jane Brownley Thomas** and **Josephine Potts Coleman**. She said they don't have much news of classmates but talk mostly about getting older. Tommy was at the beauty parlor a while back and met an MWCer from the Class of '58 who had been to her reunion and said what a wonderful time she had. Tommy told her that we '44ers always have a great time and are trying hard to stay together for our 60th in 2004.

Jean Adie Mogavero is still knitting caps and scarves for the seamen who, at Christmas when they come in to port, are given a box. Some of the seamen are far from home, so this is a welcome gift, and it keeps the women busy with their knitting.

Christine Vassar Crute attended the high-school graduation of one of her grandsons. He became an Eagle Scout that same weekend. She was so proud of him. The older grandson entered his senior year at Randolph-Macon College last fall.

Mary McWhorter said she is beginning to feel like a piece of history. There is so much behind her and, now that she is 82, there isn't much ahead of her! She is enjoying good health and staying busy. Mary was at MWC for only two years and then transferred to the U. of Buffalo for a degree in languages. After WWII, she traveled and worked in Washington, D.C., and in Europe. She returned to Hamburg, N.Y., and retired in 1983. There were five or six girls from Hamburg who went to MWC with Mary, but she only keeps in touch with **Jean Bley Brogan** these days. Mary keeps busy with short bus trips, bridge, golf and exercise classes at the senior center.

Anna Austin Roberts Ware gives me enough news for a book! She had a nice visit with **Elizabeth Phillips Roe** and her husband, Bill, in August at their home in Rehoboth, Del. Most of the summer was spent helping a teacher do research for her master's at the three local libraries

and the courthouse. Anna's Colonial Dames Society put a marker on the Robert Morris Inn in Oxford, Md., on a very rainy day in summer '03. Anna said she had been altar-duty chairman for 40 years. That has to be a record of some kind. Her daughter, who lives in Chestertown, Md., visits her every Wednesday evening for dinner. This keeps Anna on her toes. She said that she has to make better use of her spare time now that she doesn't cut the lawn.

Elaine Rolley Alley has a son, a daughter and five grandchildren, all of whom live close by. One granddaughter is a senior at Randolph-Macon College and another is a sophomore at Longwood U. She enjoys day trips with the retired group from her church, where she also volunteers once a week.

Ilva Haynie Doggett has a delightful event to report. About 50 MWC alumni in Lancaster County, Va., attended a reception for President Anderson at the home of **Connie Hook Felvey** '56 of Kilmarnock, Va. How nice that they had such a great turnout.

Jean Krout Haberle and her husband, Jack, moved to a retirement place called Homestead Village, less than a mile from their old address. They are enjoying their cottage and will enjoy it more once the unpacking is done. The downsizing was and still is mind-boggling. Thank goodness for two sons and a storage area. Later they are planning a trip to Lexington, Va., to meet **Adele Goyne** and **Bill Maxwell** of Chester, Va., **Jean Ford** and **Paul Bates** from Midlothian, Va., and **Betty Helvestine** and **Ed Schmidt** of Louisville, Ky. They look forward to a great time.

Ruth Samuel Legnini is getting used to the loss of husband Rom but misses him terribly. But she remembers how blessed they were to have so many years together.

Virginia Morgan Kline wrote that hearing from me twice a year for news brings back wonderful memories of our class and MWC. What a great four years! Her husband, Ed, has now retired from Flint Hill School as business manager. They went to Cape May, N.J., for their summer vacation. Ed's family lives there year-round. Their daughter, Nancy, bought a small beach house there and now their daughter, Daphne, is moving from California to teach there in September. Gini and Ed still enjoy their three symphony series at the Kennedy Center each year.

Elizabeth "Jean" Wade Otte sold her house and has moved to an apartment. She is now close to me in a new development called Ryderwood.

Priscilla Crosby Phillips wrote that when she found out this was to be my last column as class agent, she had to find something to write about and, lo and behold, she did have exciting news. In June, she had a call from an MWC representative who was making a round of visits to MWCers of the Northeastern states and wanted to call on her. So, she also invited a friend from the Class of '57, and they all met at her house. The representative turned out to be delightful Donna Gray, who was marrying a man that is also an MWCer, last summer at the College. Donna told them about all the changes and the growth of the campus. Come to our 60th reunion, Priscilla, and you can see for yourself.

Nancy Duval Andrews now resides in an assisted-living home and loves it. She said it is the perfect place when you become handicapped. Her daughter lives 10 miles away, and her son is only five miles away. She said her walker enables her to do a lot of things. What she misses most is driving her car. So, her word to most of us is drive while you still can. To stay busy she knits, makes jewelry and reads. She keeps up with friends through the Internet and telephone.

Anna Benner Gee went to Denver to attend her daughter, Carol's, graduation ceremonies at Denver U. for her MBA. Anne said she likes to stay busy, so she goes on many short day-trips with several local travel groups.

Ruth Gubler Kluge wrote about a happy trip from which she had just returned. Her daughter, Mary Ellen, and husband Joe and another daughter, Lynn, and Ruth met in Zurich, Switzerland, for a two-week holiday. They enjoyed hiking the Alps together as well as seeing all of the beautiful scenery and countryside.

Helen Hawley Turner said that husband Randolph has had poor health lately, so they do not travel far from home. Her sister, **Virginia Hawley Butler**, visited last summer. I think Helen and Randolph have two boys and one girl. The older son is an archaeologist and is director of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. He is working with a group that believes they have found Powhatan's original village on the York River. Randy has two children in college. Helen's second son is an associate professor at the U. of Maryland and lives in Annapolis, Md. Tommy has two daughters in their teens. Helen's daughter has retired after 15 years as a kindergarten teacher. She plans to stay home with her two children. Helen and Randolph celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in September 2003.

June Scott Thompson said her days include a lot of reading and knitting, line dancing once a week and gardening. Then, she said, "We're traveling less and savoring life more."

Martha Scott Rogers said her roommate, **Bertha McPhail "Mac" Johnson**, told her she, meaning Martha, would send in news for both of them. Mac, being the smallest of the bunch, can give orders like that! So, Martha reported that Mac and her husband, Jim, have turned over all of their music stores to their sons in Hattiesburg, Miss. Martha and her husband have met the Johnsons in Branson, Mo., for a reunion in December for the past three years. **Emelia-Louise Kilby** continues to live in a retirement home in Arlington, Va., where she has spoken before a congressional committee for additional benefits for the handicapped. **Katherine Tompkins Branner** and Bob live in a beautiful old restored home on the outskirts of Richmond. They surprised Martha by appearing at her birthday party. That bunch of girls is still acting up after nearly 60 years! Little ole Mac, not wanting me to think she had forgotten me, did write two sentences. Her last one was, "You've been a great gal to take on the letter business, and I have enjoyed it — thanks for the memories."

Sarah "Sally" Gifford Lee has been coping with the loss of her husband, Ron, who passed away in June 2002. They had been married for 57 years. Sally keeps busy with bridge and spends time with friends. She gave up her position as choir director in her church after serving for 40 years. She said music and teaching have always been a large part of her life. She retired from teaching after 23 years. She said it seems impossible that it was 60 years ago when she graduated from MWC, and she has fond memories of that wonderful time in her life.

Jane Brownley Thomas wrote from Ocean City, Md., where she spends her summers and vacations. Her second son and family came from Arizona for three weeks. Since there is nothing but sand at home, they were delighted to see water. Jane's granddaughter was valedictorian of her high-school class of 740. She began attending Notre Dame U. in the fall on a full scholarship.

Jayne Anderson Bell and her housemate, Kae, are enjoying their move to a retirement community in Rock Hill, S.C. With her daughter and family living nearby, she said, "Life is good."

Ruth McDaniel Potts said that her knee replacement surgery in 2001 was far from being a complete success, but, at least, she can still join the Clarke County Hiking Group on Thursdays. The excitement of the year was meeting a bear on the trail in Shenandoah Park. He wouldn't move over to let them go by, so they obliged by turning around and heading back to the park center. They have seen about every kind of wildlife at one time or another while hiking.

Nancy Gravatt Tucker has been busy trying to wrap up loose ends since her husband Ned's death in May 2003. She is staying at home alone but said the grandchildren are always running in and out. She still goes to the hospital twice a week to keep her right leg in shape.

Mary Law McCormick sent a coupon advertising the book of her grandfather's diaries that she transcribed and got published. It is called *Echoes of Mercy — Whispers of Love.* I bought a copy and have enjoyed reading it. You have to put yourself back in time as though living during the Civil War days — very interesting.

Marie Kennedy Robins took a cruise of Alaska's Inland Passage this year. She also participated in an Elderhostel in the mountains of Vermont during the height of the fall season, when she saw all the beautiful colors. Marie continues to mentor a 10-year-old girl.

Marilynn Price Heady lost her husband, Len, in April 2003 after a long illness. She now has time to take care of herself. She has, like so many of you, been going for X-rays, MRIs, cortisone and pain shots in the spine. She said all of her joints seem to have problems at once. Marilynn's youngest granddaughter graduated from high school with honors and began attending Oberlin College in Ohio last fall. Marilynn's second-youngest granddaughter works full time and goes to college part time at home in Poughkeepsie, N.Y

Marguerite Klenck Lovejoy had a great trip to the Seattle, Wash., area. All of her children were there to help her celebrate her birthday — 81 — wow! She doesn't like to count them anymore, but if it is an excuse for everyone to get together, then it is worth it. She enjoyed the weather in Seattle, but coming home to hot El Paso, Texas, was a shock. She loves air conditioning! She said she is still plugging along, although it seems there are more aches and pains each year. She keeps busy and has a lot of friends, for which she is grateful.

Ann Foster Kelleher wrote that **Louise "Bitsy" Cook Cabot**, a roommate many years ago, came to Fairfax, Va., from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to visit her daughter. Bitsy's daughter invited Ann to join them for a delicious luncheon. The daughter teaches high-school biology in Fairfax, Va.

Virginia Hawley Butler has had a busy year helping with her two great-grandsons. Virginia's granddaughter teaches at Virginia Tech. A grandson and his wife are expecting their first child. Virginia's other daughter has two children, but neither of them is married. Traveling has been less frequent for Virginia, but she did enjoy a trip to Ohio, to see the Amish Country, and a trip to Wilmington, Del., to visit her sister, **Helen Hawley Turner**. As I write this, it is getting to be football season, and Virginia and family are getting excited about Virginia Tech. She has been a loyal supporter for many years. Virginia and I will be rivals, because my team is the U. of Maryland.

Virginia McCartney Newcombe was about to have knee-replacement surgery when she wrote. She has a daughter living in Northern Virginia who is also an alumna of MWC. Virginia still lives in her family home even through she

does "rattle around in the empty rooms."

Elizabeth Phillips Roe and husband Bill were planning a two-week trip to England last fall to take in the Metcalfe Muster in York. Bill's mother was a Metcalfe and a member of the first generation of the family in the USA. "We colonials have musters instead of reunions," said Libby. She and Bill hope to attend our reunion but hope the date doesn't conflict with their granddaughter's graduation from Johns Hopkins. The granddaughter is sending applications to medical schools. Libby and Bill are very proud of her.

Frances Farrell Fletcher and **Mary Griffin Underwood** met **Jean Ford Bates** and Paul, plus **Lois Spratley Donald** and Doug in Smithfield, Va., for a nice luncheon visit at the Smithfield Inn. Lois attended MWC for two years before transferring to William and Mary. Now they live in a retirement community in Williamsburg, Va. They had a great time reminiscing and catching up on current news. Frances still keeps up with **Nell Burgess Black**, who lives in Charleston, S.C., and with **Nell "Randy" Harrison Gramer**, who lives on Cape Cod. She treasures these friendships from the past.

Julia Watkins Ameen wrote a short note saying, "No news, just getting older with some infirmities that come from candles on the cake."

Like so many of you, I have not gone very far from home but have taken a couple of trips that I have enjoyed. We are blessed with a wonderful Metro system here in Rockville, Md., that will take you within walking distance of almost any place you want to go within the D.C. metropolitan area. A good lady friend and I go down to Washington, D.C., to see the sights often. We went to the Folger Shakespeare Library to see the "Elizabeth I, Then and Now" exhibit. It was so nice. Another day we went to the U.S. Botanic Garden to see a rare plant. You may be familiar with this from your newspaper or TV. The plant is a huge *Amorphophallus titanum*, also known as *titan arum* or corpse flower, which rarely blooms. The plant has a nickname of Stinky Plant because, when fully open, it has a dreadful odor — like something dead that attracts carrion feeders. We never saw it fully open, I must say!

I think without a single exception, all of you have thanked me for being your class agent for the past five years. Your kind words have been very supportive and made my job easier. But what really kept me going was your willingness to send me your news. So you can thank yourselves! Also, we need to thank my husband, Tom, who typed them on our computer and e-mailed them to Cindy Snyder, director of alumni relations.

God bless each one of you. I look forward to seeing you at our 60th reunion on June 4-6, 2004.

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Hi, everyone. Thank you for your letters, calls and e-mails.

Julia "Cutie" Bridges Wcislo is in an assisted-living home in Morgan Hill, Calif., near her daughter and family. She has her own apartment, and, as she tells it, "They do all the cleaning and laundry. All I have to do is enjoy life. I have my own garden outside my back door, which I really enjoy. I get to see **Mildred "Mickie" Carpenter Jarecke** a couple of times a year, which is always great fun." At this writing, Cutie was planning a trip to Boston to see her oldest daughter, Celia, and her family.

Sue Vick Warren and George are okay except for bursitis that has settled in the right shoulder of the arm in which the wrist was crushed last year. She wrote, "Our youngest son, Francis, and his family have transferred to Oxford, Ala. Wow, that's a long way and a hot climate. They have been used to a high-mountain climate."

Jeanne Veazey McDonald and **Dotti Samuels Smith** are once again on the same floor of the same building, much as they were during their freshman year at MWC in Willard Hall. Jeanne is at one end of the terrace corridor and Dotti at the other end in Greenspring Village, a retirement community in Springfield, Va. Both have taken up billiards (and are doing quite well in local competition) and have renewed their bridge skills by playing several times a week, much as they did at MWC. Other activities keep them as busy as they want to be. Glad to see they have retained the old MWC spirit.

Mary "Penny" Chapman Butts reports that all in her family are well and happy. **Ginny Oquist Cameron** in Palmetto, Fla., did a great deal of traveling after her husband, Doc, passed away in 1992. She toured Europe, the U.S., Australia and New Zealand. "In 2001 my son, Jim, and I, along with his two sons, moved to a new home we had built on a canal in Palmetto. I've been busy with church work, Eastern Star, and have recently taken up my hobby of stained-glass work again. My grandson, Travis, and his wife, Beth, presented me with my first great-grand baby, a beautiful little girl named Jillian Rose. I have three step-great-grandchildren, two boys and a girl, in Colorado and Wyoming." She concluded that life has been busy, not exciting but fulfilling, and said she is fortunate to be enjoying good health.

Jean Purviance Stephenson is well and happy and said her life revolves around family and church. Her granddaughter, Paige, was married last summer. She and her husband live and work in Washington, D.C. Jean still sings in the church choir, belongs to two music clubs, the Community Concert Series, the Community Conservatory of the Arts, and other cultural organizations. Her free time is spent volunteering.

Sarah Sutton Walker Howlett lives in a retirement community in Matthews, N.C. Her husband, Charles Albert Somers Howlett, of whom she speaks so lovingly as a wonderful husband, provider and protector, passed away in July 2001. She has a son and grandchildren.

Carolyn Rohr Huebner and husband John were planning to journey to London to see their son married in December. By the time you read this, the Huebners should be in their new condo in Alexandria. Carolyn also noted that Miss Turman recently celebrated her 93rd birthday.

Kate Parker Hughes and husband George keep busy and find that life is exciting. A flyer she sent told how her husband was honored as Citizen of the Year in October 2003 by the Ocean View Lions Club. It said, "George has been a member of the Ocean View Lions Club for 48 years. He is a past member of the Norfolk School Board, a former Norfolk City Councilman, and was coach of the Norfolk Neptune football team. He has been active in many civic organizations and is currently serving on the mayor's task force for Ocean View." A list of his accomplishments on and off the football field is most impressive. They have seven grandchildren. Well, "Behind every successful man is a great woman." In this case, a great MWC woman!

Two years ago, **Barbara Keller O'Brien** '48 of Somers, N.Y., saw my e-mail address and wrote. We've been e-mailing ever since and finally met for lunch this summer. The last time we saw each other was at **Elaine Jouard Collins**' wedding in November 1947. A reunion after 57 years! It was great talking about MWC days.

1948

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Class news is as scarce as Virginia sunshine was last summer. I did have a wonderful surprise in the form of an e-mail from Poseypeggie, aka **Peggie McVeigh Mason**, of New Kent, Va. Through the years I have had news of her from **Ashby Griffin Mitchell** and knew that she was having serious health problems. However, she sounds quite upbeat about them, cruised to Alaska last year and was planning a trip to Las Vegas in September. Peggie lives in a peaceful area, eight acres in lawn and trees and a 250-year-old house.

A word with **Betsy Robertson** brought the hope that she will be visiting here as soon as she gets her meds straight. She recently had **Ellen Dyer Davis** for a luncheon and said she had never seen Ellen look better, still full of bounce, and brimming with vitality and personality.

Carol "Byrd" Williamson has sold her Virginia Beach condo and bought another in Great Bridge, her childhood home. I was fortunate enough to get a peek at it, so cozy and such a perfect spot for her to grow her flowers and herbs, all of which seem to flourish under her magic touch. Byrd has been a great comfort to several of us this past year — to me during Salty's illness and death, to **Sarah Armstrong Worman** during her husband's various health problems, and most recently to **Glenna "Sandy" Graves Shiflett**, who lost her mother last summer, two days before Mrs. Graves' 99th birthday, and who herself is now in Byrd's home recovering from surgery. Sarah and I have met several times for lunch in Richmond, where her youngest daughter now lives.

Justine Edwards Borland and David spent another magical and enlightening summer session at Chatauqua, N.Y. Their son, Curtis, in the U.S. Coast Guard, graduated with a JAG law degree at George Washington U. and has the plum assignment of Washington, D.C., for four years.

On a personal note, I enjoyed three days of the Kirov Opera in New York City in July; several girl house-parties at the beach; a visit with friends at their home in Linville, N.C.; and will spend my 50th anniversary with some Treyford, England, traveling buddies at Virginia Beach — a perfect group, but a difficult date to get past. I hope to plan a trip to England, now that moving boxes are all unpacked and decorating my new condo is a nearly completed job. Also, I took a summer course on St. Petersburg that really whetted my appetite for a repeat visit to Russia. So much to do, so little time!

Have a wonderful winter — the next time you hear from me will be the usual February questionnaire. I will try to give it a little flair, hoping you will respond with lots of goodies.

1950

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I am writing this having just returned from a wonderful summer at my home on Cape Cod. Visits from my family and friends made it very enjoyable, especially having my two little granddaughters there. **Mim Sollows Wieland** and Earl spent more time at their home on the Cape this year. We are both located in Eastham, only about five minutes from each other, so it is great

to get together. They were looking forward to a 50th wedding anniversary celebration in October '03. Mim had a long letter from **Mary Paasch Schoof**, who still lives in New Jersey. Mary was recovering from some health problems and is happy to have a son living nearby. Her daughter is in the state of Washington and has started her own company, with some friends, that deals with environmental scientists. Her other son is in Blacksburg, Va., and is the management engineer of a lime plant.

Shirley Cole Schleter underwent serious surgery in June '03 and had a defibrillator and pacemaker put in, but with complications. John said what was supposed to be "a walk in the woods" turned out to be a nightmare. Also heard that **Eleanor Sullivan Lewis** has been hospitalized several times with TI since her move to Pennsylvania. Our thoughts are with both of these friends.

Clelia Boushee Bullard attended the Children of the Confederacy convention in July '03 in New Castle, Del. Her grandson was the national president of the organization, and this was his last big function. She also stopped in Fredericksburg to see **Nancy Carter Benedict**, the daughter of our **Mary Jane McIntosh Young**. Nancy has opened a knit shop, Knitter's Cottage, on William Street and seems to be doing well. Clelia has been a longtime family friend of the Youngs and enjoyed catching up on their news. **Carol Bailey Miller** was written up in the "Cumberland Bulletin," Cumberland, Va., complete with a picture of her and her horse, Buddy. The article cited her longtime involvement in judging horse shows and being a steward. She is a Big "R" judge and steward, and that means 20 to 25 shows a season in Virginia, Maryland and surrounding states. She has been judging since the 1960s.

This is a short column, because I need news. Write or e-mail me anytime.

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From Corley:

Your class agents were happy to receive news from a few classmates who were not able to attend our memorable 50th reunion. **Betty Jo Woodford Bates** was an art teacher for 30 years and is now retired, living in a modern cottage in the Culpeper, Va., Baptist retirement community. She lost her husband, Marvin, in May 2003, but her three children and nine grandchildren are a great comfort. They have a family reunion each year at Corolla Beach, N.C.

Elaine Nader Powell and husband Jim celebrated their 50th anniversary by taking a week-long trip to the Smoky Mountains in Georgia. Then, in August, their three children gave them a big surprise party. Three grandchildren have joined their family since our reunion!

Marie "Weege" Attianese Harlow has new twin grandbabies. She has had a hip replacement and rejoices in new mobility.

Marjorie Gibson Blaxill celebrated 35 years as head of the Princeton, N.J., welfare commission. She continues to enjoy her eight grandchildren. **Carol Edgerton Cooper** and her husband, retired Lt. General Charles G. Cooper, are proud great-grandparents as of December 2002. Carol's husband is the author of a book titled *Cheers and Tears*.

Dorothy "Dottie" Davis Craig and her husband continue to play competitive croquet. Daley has started a U.Va. croquet team. Dottie and Daley were having their 55th high-school reunion dinner at their house.

We are saddened at the news of the death of our classmate, **Diana Buckwalter**. She attended our 40th reunion but was not well enough to make the 50th. We sent her a class picture, and she said that she had some difficulty recognizing us. Have we changed so much?

Nancy Parker Richardson went with friends on a Mediterranean cruise after our 50th reunion week. She enjoys visiting her son and her daughter and watching the prowess of her four grandchildren.

Your class agents are enjoying the task of getting news! I continue to ski, snow-shoe and hike in the high country. **Nancy Cundey Peacock** has more news to share.

From Nancy:

And do I have news! Right this minute my mind is focused on "Get the power back running and do get the phone lines hooked up!" I've had difficulty sending news to MWC because of Hurricane Isabel. We in Williamsburg, Va., are in the ninth day of roughing it. If I haven't included your messages, it is due to my computer still being down. Our area looks like a war zone, and at one point when our trees were coming down so rapidly I was thinking, "Please don't let anything happen to the magnificent old tree in front of Brompton."

I was sorry to hear that **Jean Wolfe Bohannon** of Mattaponi, Va., passed away. Condolences go to her family.

Susan Jones Hewton was persistent in her efforts over the last couple of years to locate **June Thiebach Scanlon Carroll**. Susan and husband Bill were visiting in Sarasota, Fla., last March and recalled June's remarriage and relocation to that area. The phone book gave a listing, and Susan's call proved that June wanted to talk and hear about the details of our 50th. Though her health is shaky, those who were close to her may want to call or write. It is great to know our classmates are keen to know of one another's whereabouts.

A phone call to my former roommate, **Ginny Orkney Philbrick**, related that **Phoebe Wilson Sherwood** "made her day" by sending a copy of our reunion picture. Ginny and Phil have a new granddaughter, Ashley, who joins two teenage brothers. Volunteering, church work and 13 grandchildren are highlights in Ginny's life. Husband Phil still thrives on working in a local hardware store after his many years as a professor.

Virginia Donald Ennis requests that classmates living near Charleston, S.C., please contact her at vandvennis@mindspring.com. **Jean Amis Hill** proudly told me that she has a granddaughter graduating from MWC in 2004. Her retirement living at Kings Grant in Martinsville, Va., affords plenty of time for many short trips. River-cruising in Europe is a favorite vacation of **Charlotte Adams Harrell** and husband Bob. At the time of my writing, they are stopping at Amsterdam, Prague, Copenhagen and Moscow. Church work, singing in the choir and gardening consume most of **Suzanne Branner Kessler's** time when she is not spending hours with the two grandchildren living nearby. And speaking of grandchildren, Chuck and I added numbers 11 and 12 (twin boys) and a great-grandson within a few months. Though all the babies are in California, the Peacocks spent about five months in Newport Beach, which allows plenty of time with the family there.

Eleanor Michelet and her husband, Len, are well settled in their new location. Chuck and I drove north to Saratoga, Calif., to spend a couple of days with them in July. Mich was delighted to see all the photographs, including the big reunion picture, and hear firsthand about our marvelous time together in May 2002. Chuck and I took nine days to see this beautiful country as we drove back to Virginia. A Navy reunion along with **Mary Eleanor "Mimi" Bruce McCombie** and our husbands, and a Blue Danube River cruise are scheduled for October. Now that Mary's foot/ankle surgery had good results, she and Bob have been traveling by air and sea to England. Their big trip took them around the continent of South America.

Nancy McLeod Daugherty and Harry celebrated their 50th in July 2003. Their daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughters gave them a wonderful surprise weekend to mark the occasion. Mary Crocker Ball is recovering from rotator-cuff surgery. Warren Sprague, **Nancy Miller Sprague**'s son, would like her classmates to know that Nancy can be reached at (775) 265-3769 and 761 Morning Sun Court, Gardnerville, NV 89410.

During the last two weeks of July '03, Ralph and **"Libby" Stevens Mills** took a venture to Alaska and then returned home to a family celebration of their 50th. They have five grandsons and three granddaughters. So far this year, Libby has knitted 57 children's hats and 35 adult hats for the Methodist Children's Home in Richmond. Others are sent to community ministries. Most of us will agree with Libby when she states that "MWC days were one of the happiest times of my life!"

This year, **Rita Morgan Stone** and Jake have confined their travels to the States. A birthday celebration in Northampton, Mass., and on to Martha's Vineyard to visit Jake's brothers took them north. Rita and Jake pass through Fredericksburg on the way to their country place and are thrilled to see the exciting things happening at MWC. I could sense the enthusiasm in Rita's e-mail that the new Alumni Executive Center will make us all proud. She joined roommate **Betty Montgomery Handy**, for the Festival of the Grape in Powhatan this summer. Betty has two daughters in the Powhatan area, another daughter in California, and a son in Florida. Twin granddaughters and Betty took a trip to Florida. Rita also had spoken with **Claire Sindlinger DeGroot**, who lives in Arlington, Va. Claire and husband Ward were planning to head to New Jersey to visit Claire's mother. She will celebrate 100-years-young in December.

Elizabeth Barton Robie moved into a retirement community in San Antonio, Texas. Fortunately, most grandchildren live nearby. She commented to me on the phone, "Wonderful reunion!" Which reminds me, have we as a class taken time to thank the staff at MWC for their super efforts?

The Hampton Rotary Club recognized **Gwen Amory Cumming** as a Paul A. Harris Fellow for her endeavors and time on the new $5 million Hampton History Museum, which depicts 400 years of the history of Hampton, Va. It opened in May 2003. A new granddaughter born to son George and wife Kathy was named for both grandmothers; hence, Gwen loves the name Mary Gwen.

Elizabeth Brice Lendian and husband Armando took a special two-week trip to South America in March '03. They visited Brazil and flew on to Lima, Cusco and Machu Pichu. On their train ride from Cusco to Machu Pichu, their train was hit by an avalanche. It was scary, as the

car in the front was hit as well as Betty's train car, with 15 people sustaining injuries. Luckily, the train was stopped to clear an earlier avalanche, or it would have been derailed and knocked down the mountain. Life is good in New Smyrna, a small beach community in Florida, where children, grandchildren and a great-grandson visit frequently.

Phyllis "Butch" Farmer Shaffer informed us that her precious Wally died in April 2001. She has decided to give up tennis, snorkeling and traveling. She has moved and would like visitors or phone calls. According to Phyllis, **Margaret Taylor Hohman** is doing well after surgery.

The year 2002 was a year of 50's celebrations for us, including Marine Corps, family reunions and wedding anniversaries. The last two weeks of last March were spent in fascinating Spain and more recently a visit to the impressive Nelson-Atkins Museum in Kansas City.

Rita Marie Brahs Hawkins sounded almost breathless as I listened to the fact that she had grandchildren, ages 1 thru 9, for 10 weeks last summer. She was looking forward to going to her high-school reunion in Hawthorne, N.J., in October as well as attending the ceremony of her late husband, Don, when he will be inducted in the Shrewsbury, Mass., High School Hall of Fame. Golf and church activities fill Rita's days when she's not watching the wonderful sailboats passing by.

A lengthy letter from **Jean Moodispaw Boyd** alerted me to the fact that she is a 1952 graduate and not 1954 as had been erroneously noted in the College's database. She and **Leah Belle Sachs Gardner** spent their junior year as residents in the home economics house. She and her Army husband, Win, and two daughters moved a good bit. After 15 years of teaching, she was selected to be the assistant supervisor of health, physical education and dance for Anne Arundel County, Md. She claims that Claudia Read at MWC taught her well. Jean and her husband are enjoying the ability to travel and visit many European countries, as well as touring the USA.

Susan Hutcheson Jurgens, our past and very competent class agent, is forever diligent in sending me info. Susan sent me a copy of *The Free Lance-Star* dated Sept. 16, 2002, which featured our own **Jacqueline Carter Alexander** with a lovely color picture and an article about her book, *A Singing Soul*, a selection of poems and sketches. In the book, she's been pouring out her dreams on paper for more than 40 years, but for decades Jackie's claim to fame has been her paintings. This 137-page book includes her written work and sketches from here and abroad. Jackie lived not too far from MWC and attended our 50th. You can spot her in our class picture, second row from the top, sporting a lovely hat. Who can help me place names with all the faces in our reunion picture? When Susan and her husband, John, were in Myrtle Beach, Susan chatted with **Athena Economy Burton**. Athena and Dick have two sons and one daughter, all in Charlotte, N.C. Susan and roommate **Carol Oliver Headlee** and their husbands often meet at restaurants and enjoy the plays in the Richmond area. It's a hectic and busy life Susan and John lead due to plenty of family visits, traveling to Elderhostels frequently, and more recently by celebrating their 50th anniversary in Costa Rica.

Several classmates contacted Susan with news. **Shirley Bowman Stotts** and husband Vern took a trip to Minnesota and later entertained **Nancy Stump Motley** and Kenneth for a few days. **June Wilkerson Lane** of Virginia Beach hasn't been as well as one would hope.

Please send news to either of us. Maybe you didn't write a bestseller or take a 90-day trip around the world, but we all enjoy the happy times in your life as well as news you'd like to share.

1954

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Ann Lovelace Trees wrote that after Mary Washington, she taught in elementary schools in Arlington, Va., Coral Gables, Fla., Forest Hills, N.Y., and Pittsburgh, Pa. Her husband, Cliff, was with Mellon Banks international department, which sent them and their son, David, to Tokyo, Japan, for four years (1969-1973) and to Hong Kong for another four years (1978-1982). Cliff later joined Aetna, which sent them back to Tokyo for three years and to Singapore for two years (1988-1993). While in Tokyo, Ann was with **Meechi Yokogawa Hotta** in the College Women's Association of Japan and the Japan American Woman's Society. She was totally involved with volunteer work in all the places she lived.

Since retirement, Ann's family has gone to Europe every year. Their son, his wife, Tuyet, and their 7-year-old grandson, Jamie, live in Hanoi, Vietnam. Ann and Cliff visit them every Christmas and then spend 10 days exploring different places in Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, and last Christmas to Luang Prabang, Laos. They live in Pittsburgh, Pa.

1956

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I spent a busy summer traveling though the Maritime Provinces of Canada and New England with my cousin, **Mary Chilton Newell** '54, and her husband, who live in Mathews, Va. I also visited my eldest son and his family in Lafayette, La. He has been named publisher of Gannett Newspapers in Southwest Louisiana. What a surprise to find one of our classmates there! **Carolyn Hannon Waldroup** has been there 26 years. Her late husband was with air traffic control. She keeps busy with volunteer work and has one son, a daughter and a grandson.

I called **Elaine Peru Palahunik**, in McKees Rocks, Pa., who retired from teaching and administration in the Stow Rocks school system. She has four sons, a daughter and eight grandchildren. She and her husband have traveled to Florida and Hawaii and were planning to return to the U. of Maryland last fall for a reunion of the 1953 national championship football team, of which her husband was a member.

Ellen Brown Swenarton has lived in Waterford, Conn., for 35 years. She is a widow and a retired crisis counselor. She has one son in Hawaii, but five others and six grandchildren live nearby in Connecticut. She gardens and takes care of an older home in her spare time.

Patsy Hubbard Johnson and husband moved to Virginia Beach 13 years ago after living and teaching in Northern Virginia. She enjoys gardening and needlework and is active in her women's club. They have a son in Charlotte, N.C., and a daughter in Falls Church, Va. She keeps in touch with **Ellen Wheby Witherspoon** in Charlotte, N.C.

I hope those of you who enjoy this news will let me hear from you so we won't be one of those classes with no news.

1958

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The class photo of our 45th arrived last summer. Everyone looked like they were having a good time. I called **Bev Cooke Lordi**, who injured her ankle at the reunion, and she reported that her ankle is much better. **Carol Lehmann** is recovering from a back injury that occurred prior to reunion weekend.

Betty Gould Storms visited friends in Virginia before returning to Texas to pick up their cat. While there, someone rear-ended their vehicle. No one was injured, and they returned safely to their home in Leavenworth, Kan.

Anne dePorry McGrath is enjoying her new home in Fredericksburg. Her move took place after reunion weekend. **Jean Lee Anderson Chapman** had returned from babysitting two grandchildren in Florida when I called. Jean and her husband sold their home of 37 years and in November moved to a condo. She said the new home will require less upkeep. Jean provided information about other classmates, but I misplaced my notes and the class reunion booklet with phone numbers. This information will be included next time as I am hopeful that eventually I will locate everything.

Kay Ruth McMillan's husband, Colin, died suddenly last summer. Our deepest sympathy goes to Kay and her family.

1960

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From Ann:

Have little to report this time. **Beverley Sulpice Persell** sent great news that they have a new granddaughter named Kate, born to son Jeff and his wife, Liz. Later I learned that Beverley went to France to study with 20 other French teachers in Toulouse and Sarlat for two weeks in July. They had classes in the morning and toured around sightseeing in the afternoons. Her favorite thing was seeing prehistoric caves with drawings by cavemen in the Dordogne.

Joan Akers Rothgeb and Eddie enjoy staying in their mountain cabin as time permits. Joan is now teaching three days a week with a flexible schedule, so she is easing into retirement.

Nancy O'Neal Robinson and hubby participated in early summer in a Broadway Night, whereby Nancy warbled in the chorus and Rob acted as wait staff. A good time was had by all. Later in the summer, the Robinsons traveled to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons and then Oregon to visit daughter Megan and her husband.

Mary Lott Haglund and husband Dave vis-

ited Emerald Isle on their return drive from Bar Harbor, Maine, and the inn where they stayed on their honeymoon. I was not here when they stopped by to visit with **Mary Wolff Maddrey Isenhour** and her husband, but since they now have a child living in Charlotte, N.C., Wolffie and I are hopeful that they will come our way again soon. The Haglunds are both avid sailors and were to be on the observation boat for the Lipton Cup Regatta in the Pass Christian, Miss., area to cheer on the Houston Yacht Club team. As for Wolffie, she will be turning over the reins of Friends of the Library with the dedication of the new library building/learning center in October. The building is absolutely beautiful, and the community college is holding fall classes there. (I am taking an art class.)

Louise Dunn Fuqua wrote of extreme heat in Louisiana and anxious prayers that none of us experience hurricanes this season. She had a grand time in Virginia last summer for her high-school reunion. **Donna Stevens Boyd** is still getting settled in her new house. Donna's green thumb has been stymied by the hard clay at their new abode, but I feel certain that she will soon have another Garden of Eden at the new address. Last message from Donna was that she was truly irked because her computer system was choked up with viruses that arrived on e-mail messages. Get a good virus protection system, friends!

Marcia Kirstein Fitzmaurice and **Carolyn Powell Piotrowski** got together for lunch in mid April. Marcia and Ed are settling into D.C. life and traveling a great deal. They welcomed another grandson into the family on April 1.

Pat Mackey Taylor sent a copy of the article on **Nell Peyronnet Drew** to our alumni association. It was a lovely tribute to Nell. Pat attended a local alumni luncheon in early April and saw **Nancy Powell Sykes**.

A happy surprise in August was a message from **Patsy Jones King**. She wrote that she's great. She has four grandchildren, three girls in her daughter's family and a son in her son's family. She spends much of her free time enjoying them. Patsy is retired but is teaching at the Catholic school, working with two other people to form a consulting team to assist teachers, and is involved in a small business venture called Design Consultants of Virginia. She traveled to Italy last summer for business and pleasure.

Betsey-Ellen Hansen was out of commission for October and part of November. Exactly one week after being diagnosed with endometrial cancer, she was in Walter Reed Hospital having a hysterectomy. She is very thankful that the surgery got it all, and that she didn't have to go through radiation therapy. She recovered in time to edit Class Notes for this issue, although she is retiring from her job at the MWC Writing Center.

As for me, we are nicely settled in our new home and know that we did the right thing for us by moving, even though I hated the job. I did get to Italy for two glorious weeks of painting in July. The trip was all that I had hoped it would be and even more. The painting group I went with stayed in the Umbria region of Italy, and each village/town we visited was as charming as its neighbor. Weather and light were perfect the entire time! We were in Spoleto during the music festival, and the hydrangeas, sunflowers, tomatoes and melons were at the height of their beauty and goodness. Who could ask for more? Jerry and I are looking forward to revisiting Berlin, Germany, in March 2004. We lived there for over two years when he was in the Corps and have not been back since. I plan to march several times beneath the Brandenburg Gate in high glee because in the "walled" days, that monument was on the other side. An allied museum is scheduled to open in Berlin around the time of our visit that will depict the divided-city days. Jerry sent the museum many items from his tour there, and it will be interesting to see if they use anything he donated. Do keep in touch.

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From Barbara:

It's nearing 40 years since we graduated from Mary Washington. It doesn't seem that long, does it? **Judy Finger Bradley** and I will be attending the reunion in June. We hope to see you there.

For those of you who have asked, Judy is doing very well. She is back working her volunteer job, taking vacations and cooking gourmet meals. We thank all of you who submitted articles that did not get published. We did not make all our deadlines with the alumni office.

See you soon!

1966

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One of our classmates, **Barbara Bishop Mann,** is now totally retired and enjoying a new lifestyle. Instead of having withdrawal symptoms during the first week of school, Bobbi walked three miles in the mall, ate brunch with a retired friend, attended an exercise class, chatted with friends who had called her, went grocery shopping, and then made dinners for herself and hubby Bob. She even missed her favorite TV shows. She said she was celebrating Liberation Day instead of missing the classroom. Bobbi and Robert are fixing up their house and adding a garage, taking bets that the local highway project in Richmond will be completed before their contractor finishes his job, as his disorganization is driving them nuts. Nevertheless, Bobbi is concentrating on maintaining her good health and is enjoying the freedom to do so at her leisure.

Roberta James East wrote in July to alert us to watch the "Today" show. Her Field of Flowers farm was being featured in Peter Greenberg's travel segment on family fun in the Washington, D.C., area. Robbie was really flattered to be included, especially since her 15 minutes of fame actually included a short interview with herself, although it was shorter than the footage of her flowers, craft barn and the very popular pot-bellied pig. Since then, Robbie reported that a new grandson, Ross Paxson East, arrived in August. Little Ross was so impressive that Robbie's mother had a mini-stroke two days later, and Robbie suffered an attack of heat exhaustion. At last report, however, everyone's fine again except for the dog, who had worn himself out cornering a groundhog and killing a huge garter snake, tearing up the entire zinnia bed in the process. Nevertheless, with the unusually high amount of rain we had all summer, Robbie's flowers have thrived to a new level and her Field of Flowers has had a tremendously successful season. Robbie asked me to call **Kathy Pollard Wood** in Greenfield, Ind., for an update on the excitement and changes in her life there. Kathy sounded really busy and promised to write me all the details.

Lois Rucker Scott and Sam now have an adorable granddaughter, Annabelle Blinne Monahan, born late in May to their elder daughter, Melanie, and husband Patrick. Although Patrick is stationed at Holloman AF Base in Southern New Mexico, Melanie was able to spend the last five weeks of her pregnancy with Lois and Sam in Arlington, Va.; was joined by Patrick for the birth and the next two weeks; and then stayed until Annabelle was over a month old. Their younger daughter, Holly, who now lives in Honolulu, Hawaii, also came to visit for two weeks for Annabelle's birth. Lois became quite spoiled having her whole family under one roof again and has since been compensating for their absence with increased activities and frequent e-mails.

Peggy Beeler Burns and husband Norm have been enjoying wonderful summers in Lake Geneva, Wis., and winters near Tampa, Fla. Peggy and Norm enjoy golf and find that they can play in both locales, thus maximizing their time outdoors. Peggy's son, Jay, is an Air Force JAG officer, stationed at Ramstein AFB, Germany, where she and Norm visited last fall. Peggy's daughter, Kristen, lives in a small group home for women with disabilities in Geneva, Ill., where she attends daily workshops and is doing very well. Norm has four children and three grandchildren located mostly in the Chicago area, enabling them all to spend much family time together. Last March **Rebecca "Becky" Smith** Taylor '67 visited for a few days. Becky and her husband, David, are now located in Sarasota, Fla., in a lovely home by the Gulf, where they spend much time boating. Peggy invites any of you who find yourselves in Milwaukee, Chicago or Tampa to look her up and also make a visit.

Another avid golfer, **Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner**, parked her clubs temporarily last spring to travel to Colchester, England, to be named Godmother to Catherine Elizabeth Rose Latta, Charlie's cousin's daughter. Her mother is Mary Kathryn's needlepoint buddy. She and Mary Kathryn have attended some impressive needlepoint events there also. The Church of England baptismal service was lovely and an especially memorable event for Mary Kathryn. In August all the British, Canadian and American cousins, numbering about 50, convened at the Horner home in Alexandria, Va., for their triennial reunion. As usual, only the young family members had changed. Mary Kathryn's cousin from Chesapeake, Va., reported that she had spotted another classmate, **Pat Johnson Orgain**, at a Peter, Paul and Mary concert and noticed that she still looked very fashionably thin and attractive as when we saw her at our last class reunion.

Paula Scarborough Dahut wrote briefly from Alpharetta, Ga., just to say hello, thanks to everyone for contributing, and that she looks forward to reading all the alumni news. So if you're not mentioned here, send in some news!

Pam Kearney Patrick decided that perhaps it would be wise to build an ark at their Mount Vernon, Va., home after all the rain last year — 19 inches above normal — and trade in their koi for bog lilies. She and TaB spent the pre-summer season refurbishing a Victorian home in the his-

toric district of Cape May, N.J., where Pam spent many happy childhood summers. It's only a block from the beach, so y'all come! TaB has made many appearances speaking at executive retirement seminars for the Air Force, giving the officers nearing retirement an insider's view of opportunities in government finance. Pam was also commissioned to speak on the distaff-eye-view of the transition. TaB finished an MBA during the summer with emphasis on IT, and Pam has begun watercolor classes at the Alexandria Art Institute, inspired in part by a creation given her by her roomie, **Carolyn Bingley Vickers**. Bing currently resides in Sevierville, Tenn., but has managed to visit Pam from time to time.

Winnie Woodson Stribling wrote that her medical mission trip to Guatemala during the summer was an awesome experience. She traveled through the Methodist Volunteers in Mission Program and provided hearing screenings and hearing-aid fittings to children and adults. Despite some disturbing levels of poverty, the people were incredibly warm and hospitable, and the countryside was incredibly beautiful, making it truly a worthwhile experience. Winnie's daughter, Sarah, now a sophomore in high school, is avid about choral music and hoped to go to Greece in the summer with the school choirs. Winnie has her heart set on being a chaperone. Meanwhile, husband Brad has survived quintuple bypass surgery, has lost 40 pounds, is maintaining his exercise program, and is doing very well. He was back at work in the fall and traveled to Geneva in October for a communications seminar. Winnie plans to teach two more years before retiring.

Eileen Perna Thomason took time out from her busy schedule with the Virginia Opera Guild in Portsmouth to write about the exciting upcoming season. Her company is presenting four operas, "Madame Butterfly," "The Magic Flute," "Rigoletto" and "Fidelio," in Norfolk, Richmond, and at George Mason U. in Northern Virginia. If it's not too late by the time this article reaches you, Eileen hopes to see some of you MWC alums at some of the performances. On the home front, son Ben, a lawyer, was married last July in Seattle. Son Phil, the Cordon Bleu chef, has returned to Portsmouth catering parties for friends and clients in preparation for opening his own restaurant. As one of Phil's sous chefs, Eileen now needs an apron stating, "For this I spent four years at MWC!" Husband Phil continues to practice pediatrics, working too long and too hard, but his garden has been a showcase, and they are both content with that.

Carol Pettigrew Hallman wrote from Great Falls, Va., to update the suitemate saga she had begun before our last publication date. She and **Julie Bondurant Freeman**, **Sally Albrecht Brennan** and **Prentiss Davies Murphy** '67 plan to follow their Southern tour with a spring trip to New York City. In the meantime, Julie has become the mother of the groom in Charleston, S.C.; Prentiss has become a grandmother; and Sally, who lives in Springfield, Va., is very close to retiring from her career with the State Department. Carol, however, claims she must continue working the rest of her natural life and has no weddings or future grandchildren in her crystal ball at present.

Susan Roth Nurin faithfully keeps me posted on her progress as proud parent, Spanish teacher and fine arts enthusiast in Annapolis, Md. Daughter Tamara has relocated to work in TV news in Philadelphia, and son Justin is pursuing his doctorate in trumpet performance nearby at Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore. Susan is feeling very upbeat about her life as a divorcee and sincerely invites any of you in the Baltimore-Washington, D.C., area interested in getting together for cultural events to join her whenever you can, as she's available!

Susan's roomie in the French House sophomore year, **Susanne Lamberghini Boehm**, lives in her hometown of Vienna, Va., and continues to operate a musician placement service called Symphony to Go. Husband Ralph is also a musician as well as a public school music teacher, not quite ready to retire. Last year Susanne and Ralph renovated and enlarged her parents' home in Vienna and have now moved into it. Son Maurice lives in Arlington and works with computers; son Karl is a Longwood College graduate living in Clarendon while working in business administration and looking toward earning an advanced degree.

Susanne keeps in touch with **Linda Johnson Williams** in Crofton, Md. Linda, a political science major, enjoys her career with the FAA and plans to continue working a few more years before retiring. One of her administrators is **Marion Blakey** '70. Linda's two small grandchildren are about an hour away in Leesburg, Va., so they can easily and happily spend time together. When we spoke, Linda was planning a lovely October trip to Ireland with her mother. Linda also mentioned that she and her roomie, **Kate Ginman**, who lives in Frederick, Md., still manage to get together frequently. Kate spent many years organizing special events trade shows and now works as a contractor in the same business. Although she lives in Frederick, most of her work is in Lanham, Md., and Washington, D.C., where the traffic is abominable but still manageable for her commute. Kate recently encountered a young male MWC graduate at work, and they amazed each other comparing stories of college life as they had each experienced it. Susanne also mentioned corresponding with **Tyla Matteson**, fellow French major, who at last report was still teaching French in Hampton, Va. Tyla and her husband are both active members of the Sierra Club.

Joan Cuccias Patton, a fellow math teacher in Fairfax County, Va., has decided to continue teaching three more years at Lee High School. Upon retirement, Joan and her husband plan to build a home in Gainesville, Va., in a retirement community featuring golf, tennis and swimming. Being only a few miles away from their present Annandale location, it will still be accessible to their four children and two grandchildren, who also live in Northern Virginia, and not too far a trip to the Outer Banks of N.C., where another daughter's family lives. Their Arlington son is engaged to a young Finnish lady from Turku, about a hundred miles from Helsinki. Next summer the entire extended family plans to take a cruise together through the Baltic countries en route to the wedding. Among the traveling party will be Joan's father who, after losing her mother suddenly in 2001, later married a congenial family friend from Mississippi, where they both live a healthy, active life. After telling me she had finally realized her lifelong ambition of skiing at Tahoe, Joan enthusiastically described the geometry classes she teaches to prepare students for the international baccalaureate program in her school, along with AP statistics and a new version of pre-calculus. In addition to teaching, she still acts as a real-estate agent. Retirement is going to be a real challenge for you, Joan!

Hank and I continue to stay involved with work, children, grandchildren, other relatives, volunteering, church, gardening, hobbies and a growing need to stay physically active in order to keep ahead of arthritis and related discomforts. Thanks to all of you who have so willingly contributed to our alumni news, and to all of you who will correspond in the months to come, for your input is invaluable. If your e-mail address has changed in the past year, please contact me with an update, as many of mine have proved to be incorrect. Many thanks!

1968

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Classmate news is a little sparse this issue, so I'd like to encourage you all to send in some information about yourselves!

I am very happy to have reconnected with **Kathy Hichak Sikes**. We've been writing e-mails on a regular basis and catching up with each other's lives, plus exchanging recipes. Kathy and her husband, Randy, celebrated their 33rd anniversary last summer and enjoyed a late summer vacation in Nags Head with some friends. Their daughter, Carolyn, is now a sophomore at the U. of Delaware. Kathy has made several shopping trips for furniture for their new home, which can be fun and frustrating! In the small-world category, Kathy has a cousin in Richmond, Va., who lives across the street from another of our classmates, **Gaye Gregory Elliott**! Gaye and her husband, Stephen, experienced the empty nest syndrome briefly last summer. Their son, Matt, went on a three-week study trip to Italy with 30 other students from his high school. The trip included an opera performance of "Otello" in Florence, and Matt came home speaking Italian! Last spring, Gaye and Matt visited MWC as part of a college tour for high-school juniors. Her stepdaughter, Laura, was married last August in Jacksonville, Fla., and Gaye and family enjoyed a few days after the ceremony in Orlando and Tampa. Laura and Victor live in Gainesville, where Laura works for a U. of Florida cardiologist, and Victor is a representative for a microscopy company. Stephen's son, Michael, lives in Austin and works for the U. of Texas. Gaye's son, Greg, lives in the West End of Richmond and is a leasing consultant for a large apartment community.

I thoroughly enjoy receiving e-mail missives from **Martha Veasey Sawyer**. She has a delightful and colorful way of describing all the different wildlife that she encounters every day around their home and property in Christiansburg, Va., especially the birds. Last year Martha was diagnosed with trigger thumbs and carpal tunnel syndrome, but has recovered from that and is back to gardening and all of her other activities pain-free.

Barbara Forgione Tansey and her husband, Bruce, are enjoying their retirement home in Eastern Tennessee. Barbara has a part-time job three days a week, but that doesn't seem to cut into their leisure activities of boating, fishing, golf and gardening. Their daughter, Lisa, and her husband, Eric, visited them for the first time over Memorial Day weekend, and they toured several places, including the British fort, Fort Loudon, Sweetwater Valley Farm (where they make the most delicious cheddar cheese), and the Loudon Valley Winery. In addition, Barbara and Bruce have season tickets to Dollywood, which is a fun place to visit.

Ellen Grace Jaronczyk and her husband, Bob, celebrated their 22nd anniversary last summer with a nine-day New England vacation. Their trip included a visit to Ellen's sister in New Hampshire plus touring through northern Massachusetts and southern Maine and looking at antiques. Ellen sent along the happy news that they will be grandparents again. Their son, Forrest, and his wife, Kara, were expecting their second child in January 2004.

My summer last year had its ups and downs. The ups included sharing in the joy of my niece's 16th birthday party in June and celebrating my Mom's 80th and my dad's 83rd birthdays in August. In July, my husband, Ted, had a bad accident with his table saw, and we spent the remainder of the summer and fall coping with the aftermath of his hand surgery. We also learned that we will be grandparents again. Ted's oldest son, Greg, and his wife, Denise, expected their first child, a boy, in November 2003. We are very excited about the news.

Please drop me a line, call, e-mail, anything! I'm always looking for more news. Take care and have a safe winter.

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Greetings to everyone! My guess is that everyone has been very busy, which seems to be the norm in life these days. **Cheryl Prietz Childress** was in a car accident last summer. A dump truck came out of nowhere and pushed both Cheryl and her husband, Dave, into oncoming traffic. Recovery took most of the summer, but they are fortunately on the mend. My dear friend, **Norah Heckman** '73, still works in Washington, D.C., but is facing upcoming surgery on her foot. Please remember both these ladies in your thoughts and prayers, and my sincerest best wishes go to any one of you who may be undergoing similar trials and tribulations at this time.

As for Dennis and me, we had a very productive summer and spent time with a lot of family. We had a wonderful trip to Akron, Ohio, and the Amish country close by. There was also a leisurely trip to Roanoke to be with my folks. We had other family come to visit us from California, Ohio and North Carolina, so autumn was just as busy as the summer was. Dennis continues to be on the go with his new job at Maryland Department of Transportation and is always learning something new and different. My job at Piper Rudnick in the product liability department is constantly hectic. Singing, gardening and quilting, and home renovations take up most of the rest of my time.

Please e-mail me when you get the chance.

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Once again, you have supplied me with some interesting news. Judging from what I hear from you, more of us than ever are interested in hearing what old classmates are doing. Is it because we're thinking of our own college days now that we're sending our own kids off to college? Or is it because our kids are finally growing up and we have time to think? Whatever the reason, I love hearing from you and hope you'll continue to write.

Helen Thornton Branch has had many interesting experiences. She earned a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from VCU in 1985. She has worked as an adult probation and parole counselor/officer for eight years, working with various challenged populations including domestic violence victims, the homeless population, substance-abusers and the mentally ill. She also provides life skills and motivational group services to public and non-profit agencies as a volunteer. She has two wonderful grandsons who complete her life in a very positive way.

Susan Akley Schneider retired as a lieutenant colonel from the Army four years ago. She is busy with community, church and social activities in central Texas. She takes courses in architecture and interior design as well as oil-painting classes. She travels to Maryland frequently, to visit her family on the Chesapeake Bay. Her husband, Richard, is a lead defense contractor at Fort Hood, and she often accompanies him on business trips.

Helen Taylor Salter continues to battle chronic fatigue syndrome. Due to new meds, her battle has been much more successful recently. I know we all wish the best for her. Her stepson, Jeff, graduated from Brigham Young U. last year, and her stepdaughter, Rachele, lives in Denver and works with the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

Ann Chryssikos McBroom is busy with her sons. Her youngest is in eighth grade, and her oldest is a high-school senior. She wishes more from our class would join the e-mail registry through the alumni office so everyone would know what is happening at MWC.

Elaine Porrino Mozur recently moved to Pittsburgh, Pa. She has four boys; the oldest attends Dartmouth. Her family has a new addition, Gryla, an Icelandic sheepdog that she plans to train for search and rescue.

I took the time to look up a few classmates this summer. I met **Madelin Jones Barratt** for coffee one morning when I was dropping my son off in Falls Church, Va. I also had dinner with **Lucy Dee Kinsey** and **Cathy Colbert** when Cathy was here for a visit. It was great to see all three of them, compare notes on kids, and catch up on the news.

Once again, I enjoy hearing from everyone, and I hope that more and more of you will write with news.

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Hello from your new class agent, and thank you to all those who sent information to include in this issue. It certainly was great to see so many of you at our 25th reunion in 2003.

Beth Doggett Atkinson and her husband, Dwight, celebrated their 25th anniversary in August, and they hope to take a trip to New Orleans this fall. Their daughter, **Virginia Atkinson** '03, is moving to England. Their son, Jeremy, is in his second year at the University of Virginia. Beth is a substitute teacher and is finishing her final year as regent of a local Daughters of the American Revolution chapter. She will be running a local election precinct this year.

Bill Leighty '78 and his wife, **Marti Kearns Leighty** '75, are doing well and live in Richmond. Marti is serving as the English program head at J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College, and Bill is working in the office of the governor as chief of staff. Marti and Bill's son, Matthew, was graduated from U.Va. in May 2003 and is on track to become an English/Spanish teacher in Virginia.

Patricia Ringle Vandever is living in Charlottesville. She is in her 24th year of teaching high-school English and journalism. She is the department chair and AP consultant and grader. Patricia has moved to a brand-new townhouse, downsizing since her twin boys graduated from college last year.

Cheryl Johnston Bishop-Bailey wrote that 15 years ago she went to Buckingham Palace where her husband, Michael, (in the Royal Navy at the time) was presented with an MBE by the Queen. This year Cheryl and her husband proudly returned to Buckingham Palace to see their daughter, Lauren, presented with her Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. Cheryl and her family have lived in England for almost as many years as she lived in the States, and she loves being part of two cultures.

Deborah Wilson-Lennertz has been busy since she left Mary Wash. She went to med tech school at Fairfax Hospital, worked in private industry for a year, and then got a master's in public health from UNC-Chapel Hill. In 1984, she joined the commissioned corps of the U.S. Public Health Service and is now a Navy captain. Debbie also earned her doctorate in public health in 1988 from UNC, and is currently director of the division of occupational health and safety at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. She is married to Tom Lennertz, and they have two teen-agers, Katherine and Sarah. Tom is an aerospace engineer and is retired from the Air Force. Debbie keeps in touch with **Jeanne Mack Lieberman** and **Jolanda Janczewski**. Jeanne became a nurse and is now a teacher working with disabled children. Husband Art is an aerospace engineer. They have four children. Jolanda got her master's in public health from UNC and a Ph.D. from George Mason U. She is the founder and president of Consolidated Safety Services, a successful consulting firm in the Washington, D.C., area.

Virginia Thompson retired from Merck & Co. Inc. in 1998. She and her husband live in Kingsport, Tenn. They have three grown children and five grandchildren. Since retiring, Virginia has realized a lifelong goal of visiting every continent. She traveled to Antarctica in 2001 and in 2002, and she spent a month in South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe. Virginia now teaches art two days a week in a small private elementary school.

Lucy Eppes Swanson has been married for 18 years. She and her husband have a son, Matthew, a 10th-grader. They live in Palm Coast, Fla., and manage a Storage USA facility. Lucy's husband, Ken, joined the local Moose Lodge and talked her into joining the Women of the Moose.

I get together as often as possible with my roomie, **Cheryl Smith Shiembob**, and **Debbie Akers Berry**. We had a blast at the reunion mingling with all of our classmates, but the best part was being together again with our group, including **Valerie Stimson McKenney**, **Cathy Shelley Eller**, **Vickie Nichols Sherertz**, **Kathleen Hilker Crockett**, as well as **Janet Carter Kennedy** and **Susan Boardwine Dorsey**, who started with us but graduated from different schools. We did not stop laughing and reminiscing all weekend. We had so much fun that we are planning to get together again in Fredericksburg very soon.

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From Tara:

One of the biggest announcements from Class of 1982 is the departure of **Jenifer Blair** from the MWC faculty. Jenifer left MWC last summer to become the VP for enrollment management at the College of Notre Dame, Baltimore, Md. **Nancy Kaiser** is busy in Rehoboth Beach with kitchen renovations, her part-time job at Eddie Bauer, and her business venture. **Heather Archer Mackey** has moved back to Richmond with her husband, Mike, and their four kids. They took the plunge and bought a business, Mackey's Seafood and Meats. The kids are settling into a new school, and Heather is working full time again. After not looking for a job in 13 years, she found the perfect job working as a planner for the state of Virginia in the Chesapeake Bay local assistance department. She shared news from **Anne Sketchley Robertson**, who went to Germany with her family this summer for a former exchange student's wedding.

Apparently we have two Creative Memories stars in our class. **Caroline Borden Kirchner** (owner of the coveted blazer) and **Lisa Blais Thurman** meet at various leadership conferences. Caroline noted in her holiday letter that her favorite way to spend a Sunday afternoon is lounging on the beach in Santa Cruz. She and her husband have three daughters, Beth, Kate and Jen. Lisa and Pat celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary and enjoy life with their kids, Caly, Jay and Julie, in Orange Park, Fla.

Although I have been in Atlanta for a year now, I remain a faithful reader of the *Washingtonian* magazine. The September issue featured our own **Martha King DeSilva** in an article about playwrights. Marty's script for a one-woman show called "Stretch Marks" was nominated for the MacArthur Award in 2002. She is now working with Charter Theatre on "A Whole Life," in which a daughter returns home to visit her ailing father. Her day job is in HR for Pricewaterhouse Coopers.

Finally, congratulations to our own **Margaret "M.C." Morris Moncure**, who was appointed to the MWC Board of Visitors and is in her third year of a four-year term.

Please keep in touch!

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We had a great response to our mailing. Thank you for all the news and updates!

From Kerry:

Andra Powell McKown and her husband, Marty, are now in Tyler, Texas, with their four sons. In between sports games and school and church activities, she runs a home-based business called Creative Memories.

Bristow Venable-Waple is a certified legal assistant for Philip Morris in Richmond after spending many years on the move doing products liability litigation. She married Joe Waple (the guy she was dating when she arrived at MWC over 20 years earlier!), in November 2001, and they welcomed a son in March 2003.

J. Keller Vernon is a dentist in Colonial Heights, Va., and lives on a horse farm in Dinwiddie County. She is married to Tom Coover and has a 3-year-old son. They are welcoming a daughter as I write. Keller also shows American saddle-bred show horses in between dentistry and motherhood.

Mark Scott is now working for SunTrust in Charlottesville, since the student travel job suffered after September 11, 2001. He and his wife, **Marianna Rixey Scott** '85, are at home these days with Mary Katherine, while sisters Lauren and Maggie are busy at school. Mark officiated football and lacrosse games for 19 years and is now enjoying more time with his family.

Paige Fillion-Hornbacher and other alums got together at **Julie Riddick**'s beach house to jointly celebrate the big 4-0. Paige lives in the Tribeca area of lower Manhattan. Julie works for the law firm of Reed Smith in Richmond.

Dan Steen and his wife, **Anne Marie Thompson Steen** '83, live in a beautiful new house in Arlington with their two children. They live near my sister, **Erin Devine** '82, and we try to get together on occasion. Dan is serving as the chair of the Arlington Democratic Committee (what a surprise!), as well as working as an attorney. Anne teaches at American U. Just so you know, Dan is also serving as the chair of the fund-raising committee for reunion weekend. His goal is to raise $20,000 from our class — get the checkbook ready for that phone call!

Carolyn Anonick Farthing and her husband, Will, celebrated their 15th anniversary in 2003. They live in Johnstown, Pa., with their three children. Will is chairman of the pathology department at UPMC Regional Hospital. Carolyn worked as an occupational therapist until eight years ago. She now stays active with Girl Scouts and school and church activities. **Mary Kinnecome** teaches at the Corcoran College of Art and Design after earning her Ph.D. in art history from U. of Wisconsin/Madison. She married Mike Krull in May 2003 and lives in Silver Spring, Md.

Lois Walthall Murdaugh is an elementary guidance counselor in Spotsylvania. She and her husband, William, a physicist at NSWC Dahlgren, live in Spotsy with their daughter, Laura Beth. Laura Beth and Lois are active in 4-H. Lois even attends summer camp in Front Royal!

Jackie Turk Epling was expecting her fifth child in September 2003. She teaches Spanish in Spotsylvania, where she and husband Teiji and their children live. Between three travel soccer teams and swim teams, the Eplings are on the go!

Kathy Harris Hutchinson also has five children, all beautiful girls. She and her family live in Stafford (two daughters attend the high school where I teach). When Kathy is not directing traffic at swim meets, she is busy with all the other chauffeuring requirements of her children.

Lynne Ballard Lansford also lives in Stafford with her five children. I run into her occasionally in Fredericksburg at the Great Train Race and other family events.

Lorraine Maas '85 is a neurological intensive care nurse at Fairfax Hospital. **Carolyn Lankford** married Jim Woodside a few years ago and lives near Lois in Spotsylvania. She works at Mary Washington Hospital. **Selma Maloof Kossol** and her husband, Bill, live in Spotsylvania with their three children. I get to see them on occasion around Fredericksburg, and because Bill is my eye doctor! He owns Chancellor Eye Center.

Janice Conway Micka and **Roslyn Roach Aroesty** both live in Northern Virginia.

Aloha **Lori Daniels**! Lori is in Hawaii as assistant professor of social work at Hawaii Pacific U., after nine years as the director of the Honolulu VA Medical Center's PTSD outpatient program. She reported that she has never stopped playing Frisbee and played in the World Disc Games in Santa Cruz, Calif., in July. While there, Lori won her first world championship title in double disc court, and got a third place in women's freestyle. She is now ranked number five in the world! You know, we're not getting older, only better! Lori has run into fellow Frisbee-ers **Paul Hobson**, who lives in Colorado with his wife and two daughters, and **Randy Lahm** '87, who is also in Colorado with his wife and son.

Susan McKinney Crosbie lives in Manassas, Va., with her husband, Mike, and their three daughters. She has worked as a Prince William County police officer for the last 16 years. **Erin Hart** lives in L.A., with her husband, Tom, and their two daughters and a son. Erin has a business testing environmental toxins for construction companies.

Audrey Berman Kestner lives with husband Scott and their baby girl, Katrina, in Fairfax. Audrey is very busy, as she jets weekly back from her job in Boston to her home in Fairfax to her condo in Florida. Let me know if I can help with the Florida route, Audrey!

Ren Monroe Fields lives in Stafford with her husband, Pete, who is chairman of the board of supervisors. Ren owns the Yoga and Massage Center, which I can highly recommend after taking yoga classes from her.

Kathy McCune is working as the medical psychologist on the rehabilitation unit at Henrico Doctor's Hospital while also maintaining a private practice at St. Margaret's School for Girls in Tappahannock. She and her husband, Mike Ellwood, built a house in Mechanicsville, which they share with their children and Mike's parents. Kathy returned to MWC last year as the Distinguished Graduate in Psychology to teach a few classes. Kathy also visited **Lisa Featherstone Walsh** in Colorado. Lisa and her husband, Tim, have two children, Alex and Natalie.

Tracy Harman Shelton moved from Richmond to Herndon and is working for VDOT. She regularly makes trips to Fredericksburg to visit her college roommate, **Chele Flanders Kelly**, and to stand in line at Carl's. Chele is married to Steve, and they have one son. Tracy reminisced about her days as a DJ for WMWC and late-night trips to 7-11 for munchies.

Dawn Detwiler Weniger lives in Raleigh, N.C., with her husband and daughter. After many years in publishing, residential construction and software management, Dawn is now a full-time riding instructor and trainer. A neighbor is **Laura Lawson Rossbottom**, who works for the airlines and has a son. Dawn also sees **Carla MacMullen**, who works as a Middle East specialist for the government. Carla visits when not in Bosnia, Croatia, or other hot spots.

Barbara Grunwald Monteiro has stayed in

touch with roommates **Mishell Evans** and **Kathleen Walbroehl Moore**, as well as **Marianne Peters Strafer**. They've been getting together to bake Christmas cookies for 14 years. All are former Seacobeck employees (remember slop-girls?). Barbara and her husband have built a new home on 20 acres in King George. Their son is a carpenter and helped them build it! Barbara works as a chemist for Dominion at a power plant in Dumfries. She and her husband regularly attend the Fredericksburg Forum at MWC. Mishell lives and works in Blacksburg. She writes grant proposals for Luna Innovations. Kathleen and her husband, Jim, bought a house in Annandale, close to Kathleen's government job. They have two children, Paul and Rose. Marianne lives in Fredericksburg with her husband, John. Their four children are out of high school, so the pitter-pat around the house belongs to their two boxers. Marianne works at Dahlgren.

Mary Cleary-Doshi moved into a new home in Fairfax with her husband. She recently earned a master's from GMU and did part of her graduate study in England. Mary is a senior editor with the Smithsonian American Art Museum in D.C. She has been able to travel to the Caribbean, Canada and the Benelux countries, with a trip to India planned last year.

Ann Watson Phillips left her job at Air Photographics after 13 years to pursue motherhood. She and her husband, Rick, welcomed two sons when they adopted two brothers from Bulgaria in September 2000.

Ann Colligan Blechman lives in Hudson, Ohio, with her husband, Tony, and sons Andrew and Ben. Ann works part time as a technical writer and volunteers at school. Ann sent news about classmates: **Tara Kilday Lindhart** is living in Miami with her husband, Ron. Tara teaches third grade. Son Tom is a freshman at U. of South Florida; Eric is a junior in high school.

Janie Churchill Hinkley moved back to Virginia Beach in August. Her husband, Brian, will be a Navy skipper of a nuclear carrier. Janie's son, Dan, is a freshman at MWC, Andy is a junior in high school, Caitlin is in eighth grade, Callie sixth grade, Griffin second grade and Delaney will be in preschool. Whew! Janie was on "Oprah" last year when Brian sent her video messages from different posts.

And, now for me! I have been teaching history in Stafford County. My own four children keep me on my toes and give me a great perspective on life outside the classroom. Many of you know that my husband, **Jeff John** '78, died in 1996, which means a lot of running around town to activities by myself. I can't wait for my son to drive! I also serve on the Fredericksburg City School Board, and because we are working on building two schools, this will be a busy year. Other than folks already mentioned, I see **Dan** '82 and **Lori Wendt Hudson** fairly often. They live in Warrenton with their three children. Dan and Lori have their own business.

Pam Johnson Jemmison lives in Chesapeake with her husband, Frank, and their son. We had lunch last spring. Pam is great at keeping in touch! I see **Melisa Casacuberta** on occasion. She is president of FacilitatorsPlus LLC, which is a business development service. Melisa can be seen at many chamber of commerce functions. **Linda Lemanski Blakemore** and I attend the same church in downtown Fredericksburg. Linda's husband, Porter, is my daughter's Sunday School teacher.

From Linda:

I heard from **Susan L. Albert**, who said that she visits Fredericksburg several times a year to see her aunt, so it does not feel like she ever left! She graduated in 1995 with her J.D. from Washington & Lee U. Law School and works in a small personal injury firm in Roanoke, Va. As if her days were not busy enough, she took on a night teaching position at a local college and taught in the paralegal program for four years until the school closed in late 2002. Susan also keeps in close contact with **Ann Westcott**, who lives in Philadelphia and works for the American Philosophical Society. Susan hears on occasion from **Susan Foltz Turner**, who lives in the Charlottesville area with husband John and is busy with son Scott and daughter Sarah.

Maggie Russell married Jonathan Eastman in September 2003 and relocated from historic Leesburg to Haymarket, Va. Numerous MWC graduates were in attendance at Maggie's wedding. It just so happens that another MWC graduate, **Todd Vecchio** '87, also was married on the same day. As of last June, Maggie has been with the U.S. Geological Survey for 18 years and is currently the senior contract negotiator.

Carla Rivero '85 was married several years ago to Eric Palm. They have three children and live outside Toronto, Canada.

James Miller wrote that he invited Mark Scott to meet him in Orange Beach, Ala., last spring for the 19th annual interstate mullet toss at the Flora-bama Lounge, Package and Oyster Bar. (If you think that he is making this up, go to their Web site, www.florabama.com.) If you see anyone in the pictures that looks like James or Mark, it's not, because they were not there — that's their story and they're sticking to it. On a more serious note, James is now at the ibm.com sales center in Coppell, Texas, where he is a staffing and professional development manager and coach. James and his wife, Amy, have two girls, Margaret and Rosemary.

Wilhelmina Lee-Ougo is married, has a daughter and a son and lives in Maryland. She is a member of the research faculty at the U. of Maryland in College Park after earning her Ph.D. from there. She serves as evaluation program manager for an HIV/AIDS training grant for clinicians that treat minority patients.

As for me, I still work at Quantico as a management analyst and live in Fredericksburg, where we renovated/added on to our house below the College — something that I will never do again! I still see **Darnell Horio DeMasters**, a VP for Wisconsin Public Utilities, and **LaVonda Simpson**, who is working in the corporate audit division for Capital One. We planned a camping trip with our significant others for the end of October. We also recently met in Fredericksburg for dinner and had the opportunity a few weeks later to attend an MWC leadership conference.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the reunion in June! Drag those old friends and roommates to town. Carl's will be open! If you have some suggestions for this year's reunion, please let us know! See you in June!

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Margaret Embree Davies, her new husband, Jim, (spring 2002) and her two stepsons have moved to Charlottesville, Va. Margaret is an artist and a cabinet-finisher. **Jocelyn Piccone Allgood** was to travel to the Amalfi Coast (near Naples, Italy) in October 2003. **Catalina Parada** moved to Madrid, Spain, in December to pursue an MBA in a year-long bilingual program. **Viki Flaherty** and husband Jim Hogan traveled to Europe during summer 2003, visiting Southern France, Costa Brava and Mallorca, Spain. Vickie performs business-consulting services for IBM in the area of skill validation and competency assurance and, as ever, enjoys running! **Julie Evetts Clarke** is taking over as PTA president at her son's school.

Stephanie Doswald Sebolt visited with **Mark Benson** '88 and his family, who live in Fairfax, Va. Stephanie also dropped a dime on several classmates: **Shawn Carson** got married in South Carolina and now lives in California, and **Carolyn McClurg Smith** and family live in West Virginia. **Kim Mears** took a business trip in August to Boston, where she hooked up with me for a fun night of reminiscing. **Tracy Greener Hollan** began her teaching career in 2003, teaching elementary-school math and science! Stephanie also reported that **Jennifer Casler Kuiper** '87 is living in Oregon with her husband, John, and two children.

Please keep in touch!

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From Amy:

Hi, everyone! Lisa and I had a great time at our 15-year reunion in May, renewing friendships and touring around the campus and downtown Fredericksburg. In many ways, things are exactly the same as when we left (including most of the furniture in Willard Hall!), but the sprawl outside downtown has grown so much we could barely find Carlos O'Kelly's!

Now to fill you in on those people we keep in touch with and those of you who wrote to us! **Bev Iden Tate** and **Karen Downey McGrath** met us on campus. Bev is a planner for Loudoun County Public Schools, and her husband, Mike, is co-owner of the Coach Stop Restaurant in Middleburg, Va. They have two boys. Karen married **Brendan McGrath** '90 and they have three children. Karen works as a contracts officer with the CIA. **Julie Lamb Stemple** (still a local girl!) also joined us. Julie has put her English degree to good use and is teaching at Brooke Point High School in Stafford and working on her MFA at George Mason U. She and her husband, Jim, (the principal at North Stafford High School) also keep very busy with their three children.

Jamie May and **Donna Crowder Mast** also hung out with us over reunion weekend. Jamie is a senior staff archaeologist with the Jamestown Rediscovery Project run by the APVA in Williamsburg. They are making some fantastic discoveries down there, so check it out! Donna lives in Raleigh, N.C., with her adorable daughter and runs her own construction business. Jamie and Donna managed to get **Fran Bonner** '87 to come join the party at Sammy T's. Fran and his wife, Kathleen, have two children, and Fran is a systems analyst with the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, Va.

Our class met in Mason Hall for a get-together during the reunion. Loved that "party in a box"! Most of us took time to wander the halls recounting stories from our glory days as freshmen. Among those stopping by were: **Arlene Fierstein, Bridget Murphy Lentine** and **Lorraine Hart Reid**. Arlene's fiancé, Chris Klapproth, acted as our class photographer. Arlene and Chris were married three weeks after the reunion. Bridget and Lorraine keep in touch with **Bettina**

Bullard. Bettina is a flight attendant and is still home-based in Maryland.

Veronia Hach recently married Eric Shields and is living in bliss in Centreville, Va., with her two children. Ronni works as an office manager at Designer Fitness in Haymarket. **Carletta T. Carter** is working as an accountant in Springfield, Va., and also runs her own Internet-based micro-franchising business. She lives in Northern Virginia.

The news we received from farthest away came from **Patricia Dawson Cronin**. She and her husband, John, and their two children are at Ramstein Base, Germany, where he is on active duty with the Air Force. Trish works as a civilian on the base as a human resources assistant. We wish them all the best during their time overseas.

Betsy Ledford Alvis wrote with lots of news. She married Dennis right after graduation and taught public school for eight years before becoming a stay-at-home mom to her four daughters. Today she teaches preschool and works as an independent consultant for Arbonne International Swiss Skin Care. She enjoys the country life, while her husband manages Alvis Dairy Farm in Goochland County, Va.

Betsy wrote that **LeeAnn Morano Rogers** lives in Haymarket, Va., with husband Mike and two daughters. **Wendy Brown Hale** homeschools her four children in Mechanicsville, Va. **Mary Hollis Lewis Jupe** lives in Henrico County, Va. and has three children. She married **Richard Jupe** '89.

Liz Brown Holcomb, a fellow historic preservation major, married **Kim Holcomb** '85 and moved to Leesburg, Va. Liz is a stay-at-home mom for three kids, and Kim is the vice president of finance for an IT services company.

Gary A. Andrew and his wife, **Anjanette Bird**, have three children and live in Grayson, Ga. Gary works for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, managing the emergency response team for the environmental protection division. In 1998 he earned his M.A. in science from Georgia State U.

Kelly Gould-Affleck is a psychologist at a private psychiatric hospital in Richmond, Va. Her husband teaches middle school in Henrico County, and they adopted a baby girl from Korea, who is now 5. They spend a lot of time vacationing in Maine and South Carolina, where their families are from. Kelly reports that her friend and daughter's Godmother, **Beverly Newman**, lives in Florida, and they keep in close touch.

Jamie "Dodger" Crowley is married and lives in Texas working for the INS. **Suzanne Comley** lives in Williamsburg, Va., with her daughter and works for the College of William & Mary.

Jodi Painter Baldwin '89 lives in Luray, Va., with her husband and a variety of animals and teaches at the local high school. **Ernest DeLany** and his family recently moved to Harleysville, Pa., from Rhode Island. They own a manufacturing company that designs temperature/humidity sensing devices. He has an 8-year-old daughter, and they have an assortment of cats and dogs. Ernie reported that on a recent trip they visited with **Robb Kneebone** in the Boston area. Robb has three children and works for a company that provides technical writing services — specifically for the latest X Box games that all our children are playing!

Andy and **Lynn Reiner Whittleton** live in Leesburg with their three children. Andy works for Freddie Mac and is still hooping it up with some college friends on Saturdays! **Chris "Copter" Sykes** is in Africa working for CARE International.

My former classmate and now sister-in-law, **Jane Taylor Bachman**, lives in Fredericksburg with **Craig** '89 and one daughter. Jane recently started working for NSWC Dahlgren Division as a scientist. She enjoys playing volleyball and is active in church and school groups. Jane and Craig keep in touch with **Steve Shipe** '89 and his wife, Karen. They live in Gainesville Va., with their two children.

As for Lisa and me, **Lisa Boyd Nesbit** lives in Bristow, Va., and is a homemaker with a son and daughter. Her husband, James, is a territory manager with Premium Distributors of Northern Virginia. I live with my husband, Russ, and our three kids in the suburbs of Philadelphia. I am a stay-at-home mom too, but of course stay busy with the usual kid stuff. My husband is a superintendent for a custom home-builder and spends a lot of time working in Wilmington, Del.

Lisa and I really enjoyed hearing from all of you, so please keep the information coming. There are a lot of you out there that we still want to hear from, and we hope to have a bigger and better showing at our next reunion in four years! Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2004!

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From Courtney:

Hello! Hopefully this issue finds everyone well. I don't have any news — I just wanted to remind everyone that I do try to keep any items for the next deadline, so keep me posted. I know that some of you have sent news, but my computer's hard drive had to be replaced. I'm sorry I lost those items, but keep me on your mailing list! I look forward to hearing from you!

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Hello, Class of '98! I hope everyone had a good time at our Homecoming celebration, which will be ancient history by the time you read this. It's still hard to believe we've been out for so long.

In September, **Chrissy Harakal** celebrated her wedding to Andrew Mitchell in Connecticut. **Abby Mitchell** was a bridesmaid, and fellow MWC alumni **Wes Heuvel**, **Matt Galeone**, **Wendy Sulc** and **Amy Eagen** were on hand to enjoy the festivities. Chrissy and Andrew enjoyed a relaxing honeymoon in Mexico before returning home to Massachusetts.

Felicity Smith and **John Day** were married Labor Day weekend. **Deacon Chapin** and I were married in July. It was a blast, and our wedding party included **Todd Hamlin** '99 and **Katie Shea**, as well as **Darien Berkowitz Jacobson**, **Alexis Kingham**, **Lauren Dwyer**, **Josh Parker** '99, **Tim Roberts**, **Scott Mulligan** and **Sean Tuffy.** Sean won the prize for making the farthest trip to attend our wedding; he came all the way from Dublin, where he works for State Street Bank. Soon after our wedding, Lauren Dwyer received an offer she couldn't refuse from her longtime boyfriend, Brandon Lowther, at the Washington Monument. They're now celebrating their engagement and planning a party like no other! Since their May engagement, **Jeremy Blain** and his fiancé, Jen Burke, have set a wedding date and plan to get married next May in Buffalo, N.Y.

Mandy Grandle Freds wrote about a crazy coincidence: she and her freshman and sophomore year roommate, **Shelly Singley Adkins**, each gave birth to a bouncing baby boy in November 2002! Guess there was something in the water in Virginia Hall in 1994! She and her husband, Will, are in Germany for a four-year tour with his commitment to the U.S. Army.

Heidi Buchanan Keohane and her husband, **Ryan Keohane** '99, built a house in Spotsylvania County. Ryan works at Geico, and Heidi teaches at Stafford High School. **Sarah Boyer Knaub** gave birth to Emily Elizabeth on July 4. She and her husband, Matthew, live in Hampton, where they enjoy being new parents.

Formerly **Claire Grant**, Claire Grund legally changed her name back to its true German form. After working for the Deafness Research Foundation for two years, she is now a student at the bookbinding/book conservation program at the North Bennet Street School in Boston. She reports that **Renea Danco** got married in 2001 to Shawn Diamond. They live outside of Pittsburgh, where she is a teacher for the deaf at Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. Prior to her current position, she completed her master's in deaf education at U. of Pittsburgh.

About a year after graduation, **Jennifer Sauerbrunn** became an officer in the Marine Corps. She was stationed in North Carolina for four years and is now working in the State Department. **Heather Siderius** admits her insanity but wrote that she is enrolled at the U. of Maryland to complete her doctor of science in physical therapy. We probably won't be seeing too much more of Heather for a while! **Ginger Vaughan** purchased a house in Wilmington, Del., in September and is inline skating 87 miles to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

In news of other worthy causes, **Lara Fedorov** is working as the assistant director to the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, a small local environmental NGO in Micronesia. This position comes with a yearlong contract with the possibility to extend. Lara accepted this position after her service in the Peace Corps in the same area. **Betsy Maldonado** spent a month on a mission trip to Peru and El Salvador, which she said was both amazing and humbling. She is now adjusting to life back in the States in her home in Charlottesville.

Dabney Boye still works for Bridges Learning Systems as a program director and is attending the Maryland Institute College of Art in Balti-

more to obtain her certificate in graphic design. **Caitlin Jenkins** is working in the art conservation department of the National Gallery of Art and lives in Arlington. She wrote that **Katie Buban** is in the Peace Corps on the Pacific Island of Tonga. **Lee Mebel** has been busy adventure racing and completed the Beast of the East four-day race. He invites anyone else crazy enough to be interested in such torture to contact him. **Cathy Fisher** is teaching 11th-grade U.S. history in Spotsylvania County. She was recently named adviser of the year by the Virginia school counselor's association! She took students on a 19-day trip to Europe last summer, which included a kiss on the Blarney Stone. **Niki Gonyo** has returned to teaching fourth grade after spending a year as a fifth-grade teacher. **Sarah Meinhart Walsh** completed her master's degree and now works as an elementary school guidance counselor. **Mike Cerami** '95 completed his MBA from the U. of Rochester and has returned to live and work in Boston.

Please keep the updates coming — it's always great to hear from everyone!

2000

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Our class has been extremely busy with grad school, weddings, babies and tons of other fun life events. Read on for the latest exciting news!

Kate Amey Degnan finished her master's and is now working on her Ph.D. in psychology — hopes to finish by May '05. She and Matt also bought a house in February '03. **Kristen Bertini** lives in Hagerstown, Md., and works as a speech pathologist. **Jen Burger Thomas** married Evan in September '03, and they are so grateful for all who attended; they have also settled into a new home in Charlotte, N.C. **Melissa Fallen** and **Nikki Matthews** are roommates while obtaining master of divinity degrees at the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, Va.

Scott Grossman and **Maren DeGroot** '02 were married in July '03, and they live in the Shirlington area of Northern Virginia. **Nichole Gubitosi** is living with her boyfriend in Manassas, Va., and still works for an Internet publishing company. **Emilee Harren** graduated from the U. of North Dakota School of Law in May '03 and was offered a position at Rinke-Nathan law firm in St. Cloud, Minn.; she is practicing in the areas of water law and civil litigation.

Rusty Booth and **Mary Coughlin** married in October '02 and now live in Wilmington, Del. Rusty is a webmaster at a credit union in Pennsylvania and attends the U. of Delaware for a master's in information systems and technology management; Mary is obtaining her master's in art preservation at Winterthur.

Big news for **Hattie "Liz" Carroll**, who married **Dan Ratliff** in May '03. The couple wed on a beach in Charleston, S.C., where **Alex Schneider** was one of the groomsmen. Liz was graduated from Seton Hall with a master's in psychology and is attending Rider U. for an Ed.S. degree in counseling; currently, she is working as a director of supportive living for the Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) in New Jersey. Dan attends UMDNJ School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Sunshine Evans has relocated to Charleston, S.C. **Julie Smith Palmer** married Jeff in August '01. She took the Virginia bar in July '03, and is now working as an associate with Herman, Claytor, Corrigan and Wellman in Richmond, Va. **Lesley St. Denis Deyesu** was married to **Tim Deyesu** '98 in June '03. She's teaching elementary school, while he is the director of baseball operations with Cal Ripken Baseball in Maryland. **Ryan Wellner** is the assistant lacrosse coach at the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point; he also tends bar in New York City, so make sure to stop by and get a free drink!

Christine Guedri attended Middlebury College for a master's degree and then did coursework in Spain for almost two years. She has returned to the States to pursue a Ph.D. in Spanish at the U. of Texas at Austin. **Megan McDonald** left her job as an architectural historian at URS Corp. She is now living in Ithaca, N.Y., attending Cornell U. She will be obtaining her master's in regional planning.

Mike Harris completed law school at the College of William and Mary, while **Kari Lee** graduated from Wake Forest U. Both took the bar and, at the time of writing, were still waiting to hear the results. **Mandy Heller** got engaged to **Rob Wall** while vacationing in Anguilla; they live in Hoboken, N.J., and were planning a wedding for September '04. **Jackie Herr Kha** and her husband, Noy, lived in Baltimore, but moved back to Pa. to be closer to family; they have found a great home. **Mary Larkin** is planning a wedding for January '05.

Anna Jordan and **Brent Wills** were married in October '03, and they celebrated with many of their MWC friends. Bridesmaids included **Angela Zosel**, **Bethany Johnston**, and **Kari McGlamary**. Angela's daughter, Lara, was one of the flower girls. Anna can be found at Smith Mountain Lake State Park as chief ranger. Angela does quality assurance at Collegiate Funding Services, a student loan consolidation company, in Fredericksburg, Va. She and her fiancé have thoughts of selling their townhouse and moving closer to downtown; maybe they'll restore an older home.

Josh Maddox works for a defense contracting company in Stafford, Va. **Kate Parker** is attending VCU in Richmond, Va., where she is earning her master's in occupational therapy. She is also working as a PRN at a children's hospital. **Meghan Roswell** works for a patent trademark law firm in Washington, D.C. **Erin Shank Brunot** is a physician assistant at a pain management practice in Bethlehem, Pa.

Christen Masaniello married **Brent Bensten** '01 in October '02. Bridesmaids included **Erandi Salgado** and **Jasmine Commerce**. The best man was **Mark Greenleaf**, and the groomsmen included **Mike Harris** and **Brad Kelly**.

There seems to be a small group that's growing in San Diego. Mark Greenleaf and **Scott Taylor** moved there a while ago; Mark is now working with kids at the YMCA. Brad Kelly moved in with the guys. Erandi Salgado is dating Brad Kelly and recently relocated to San Diego with her family.

Valerie Wunder is planning her next WHFS Festival in Washington, D.C. She traveled to San Francisco and Yosemite with **Lauren Rizzi**, **Elizabeth McKeeby** and **Megan Shilling**. They are planning their next trip to London/Paris in spring '04. Safe travels!

As for me, I am recruiting financial planners for MetLife and live with my boyfriend, Rich, in sunny Orlando. I thank those who have continually contributed information to this column since we graduated, as well as those who have just started sending me their updates. I can't gossip about you if you don't tell me what's going on!

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Jennifer Elaine Nash and **Peter T. Liu** '01 were married in July and honeymooned in Maui. Living in Syracuse, N.Y., Jennifer attends Syracuse U. Law School, serves on the class senate and has been selected for international law firm study. **Michele Hossainkhail** '01, and **Virginia Henley** served as bridesmaids. **James Brown** served as a groomsmen; **Meredith Lough** performed as mistress of ceremonies; and **Ryan Burleigh** and **Carly Reid** participated in the wedding ceremonies.

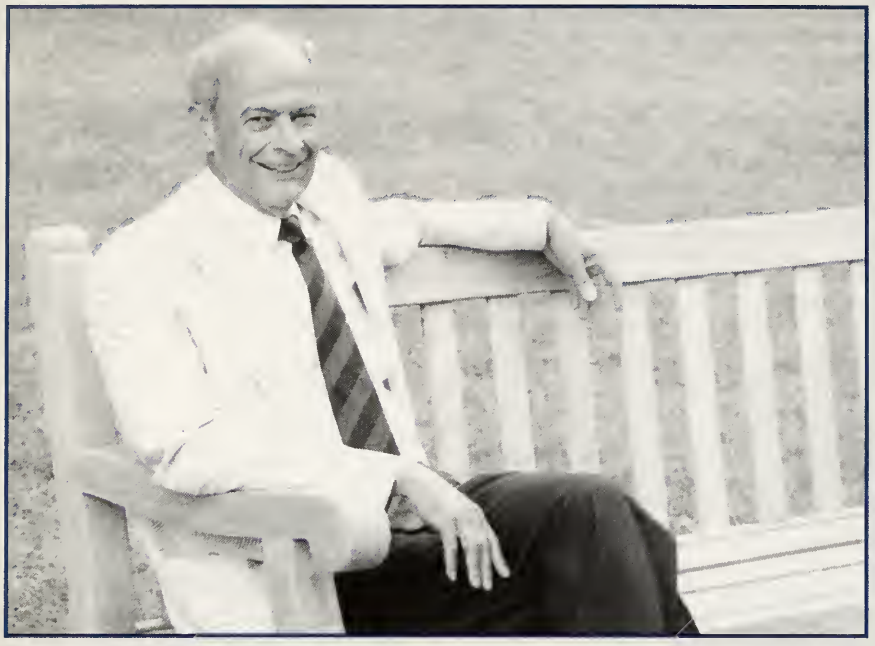
In Memoriam

Helen P. Neal '24
Dorothy Hank Gorham '25
Atwood Graves Abbitt '29
Regina Mae Harper Keller '32
Sue Powers Jones '34
Sylvia Hirsch Saunders '34
Vernie Blankinship Knight '36
Mary Jane Gould Pedersen '37
Louise Waters Blanchard '38
Miriam Boyer Parsons '39
Hazel Jewett Jones '40
Josephine Ewing Balzer '41
Eudora Armstrong McCleary '42
Elizabeth McAllister Boisseau '43
Barbara Brokaw McNulty '43
Virginia Urbin Melvin '43
Sarah Watson Mooneyham '43
Nancy Lawson Potter '43
Margaret Midyette Lively Leinbach '44
Joyce Davis Pillow '44
Gennilla Atkins Pates '45
Ann Cavedo Davis '48
Betty Sparks McGraw Unrue '48
Beatrice VanName Whittle '49
Julia Ould Geiger '50
Shirley Cole Schleter '50
Joan Diehl Masterson '51
Jean Wolfe Bohannon '52
Mary Moskos Catherines '53
Catherine Harper Young Lowery '54
Virginia Lee Gratz '56
Corenne Slater Gray '56
Katrina McNeal Gray '56
Judy Lippincott Sweeny '57
Brenda S. Moore '69
Lynn Barden Hensley '74

Ray Merchent, retired executive vice president of MWC, and professor emeritus of education

Condolences

Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36, who lost her sister
Arabelle Laws Arrington '41, who lost her husband
Marilynn Price Heady '44, who lost her husband
Sarah Gifford Lee '44, who lost her husband
MaryLou Kirkendall Feeney '46, who lost her husband
Alice Griesar Blain '47, who lost her husband
Josephine Drury Ramsburg '49, who lost her husband
Phyllis Farmer Shaffer '52, who lost her husband
Peggy Harrison Haynes '53, who lost her husband
Kay Ruth McMillan '58, who lost her husband
Wendy Shadwell '63, who lost her mother
Beth Feeney Giacoma '76, who lost her father
Gregg Stull '82, who lost his partner
Jayne Butler Feeney '83, who lost her father



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Albert Ray Merchent
1928 – 2003

The Mary Washington College community was deeply saddened shortly before Christmas by the sudden passing of one of its most respected members, Ray Merchent, who succumbed to a stroke on December 10, 2003.

Having spent 37 years in higher education prior to his retirement in 1993, Dr. Merchent held a number of administrative positions over the years, including Chair of the Department of Education, Registrar, Director of Admissions, Vice President for Continuing Education, and Executive Vice President. He was particularly committed to the promotion of adult educational opportunities for area residents, and was instrumental in the planning of the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies. In recognition of his service to the institution, he was awarded the Washington Medal in 1988, the first employee of the College to be thus honored.

Dr. Merchent was also extensively involved in the life of the local community, serving with dedication and distinction as a leader of numerous cultural, educational, religious, and health-care organizations. Sometimes referred to as "the College's ambassador to the community," he was honored in 2001 with the Citizen's Salute Award, emblematic of extraordinary contributions to the Fredericksburg area.

The following tribute to Dr. Merchent is excerpted from the eulogy delivered by College President William M. Anderson Jr. at his friend's funeral:

Ray was a constant source of support and wise counsel for me and, indeed, for many others who frequently sought his advice. He served the College daily as a calm and steadying influence in an environment where strongly held and often conflicting views can easily lead to discord. He had a genuine gift for turning acrimony into agreement, and contention into consensus. I marveled at how often moments of tension were relieved by a perceptive (and almost always lighthearted) comment from Ray.

In such instances it was clear that Ray had the inherent ability to be serious of mind without being somber in demeanor. He could present his own views forcefully and effectively, without at the same time demeaning or disparaging those of others. As a result, he enjoyed a degree of respect at the College that few have been accorded. As a colleague once put it, "There may be some people who disagree with Ray, but none who dislike him."

As great as his professional and community contributions were, those actions alone do not adequately explain why he meant so much to so many — and why we feel so diminished by his passing. The explanation for that feeling is to be found, I believe, in the wonderfully distinctive personality that drew us all to him: a man of exemplary character and unflinching integrity, and at the same time a man of cheerful disposition and infinite good humor. …

Given the magnitude of Ray's accomplishments and the generosity of his spirit, it would seem almost impossible to find a word to adequately summarize the essential character of Ray's life. But actually there *is* a word, I think, that comes pretty close to it — and that word is "gentleman." Elegant in bearing, always impeccably attired, and with manners to match, Ray in his characteristic pinstripe suit and preppy tie epitomized the gentlemanly ideals of an earlier day.

But it was not just a matter of style. In fact, with Ray, life was never about appearances — for, of all people, he was the most unassuming, the most unpretentious, and the most down-to-earth. His gentility was real — not the product of artifice or affectation, but of an inner grace derived from fundamental virtues of humanity and humility. The result was a person who never exhibited even a hint of snobbery or meanness or cynicism, but whose warmth of personality was consistent — and contagious.

The firmness of his handshake, the heartiness of his laughter, and the genuineness of his enjoyment of life: for all those qualities that we can no longer share with him as we have in the past, we mourn Ray's passing.

And truthfully, though it sounds selfish to admit it, I think we also feel sorry for ourselves, to be so suddenly deprived of the company of one who brightened our lives and who brought so much good cheer to all who knew him.

But at the same time that we mourn that loss, we are grateful for all the good that he did, for so long, for so many individuals and for our community as a whole. Beyond that, we are grateful for the model that he provided for a life of commitment, lived well and fully. This, ultimately, is the image that will endure — indelible in our minds and secure within our hearts.

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